

2019 Barneveld Lutheran Church

Annual Report of the Congregation



Our Mission Statement

We the people of Barneveld Lutheran Church are called
to be Christ's Light as we reach out
+ to people in our community with welcome and service;
+ to our members, helping each one feel valued and needed.
In all things we are committed to seeking and following God's will
and not our own.

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Barneveld Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
January 12, 2020
10:00AM

Agenda

1. Opening Devotions: *Pastor Jim*
2. Call to order: *President Jeff Ziegler*
3. *Approval of Annual meeting minutes of January 6, 2019
4. Council President Remarks: *Jeff Ziegler*
5. Council Election:
Four (4) – 2 year terms to be voted on
 - Judd Koerwitz, and Jeff Ziegler will run for a 2nd – 2 year term
 - Nominees for a 2 year term are Melissa “Missy” Lease and Michelle Ihm
 - Acknowledge out-going council members Liz Taylor and Joni Cleary
 - Synod Assembly Delegates: Friday May 1st & Saturday May 2nd, 2019 at Kalahari, WI Dells
6. Ministry Team Reports to be approved: Faith in Action, GIFT, Health, Property and Grounds, Technology, Worship, WELCA
7. Investments Update: *Mike Peterson*
8. Financial Review of 2019: *Joellen Uptegraw & Danielle Moyer*
9. Presentation and Approval of Working Spending Plan for 2020: *Joellen Uptegraw, Danielle Moyer and Jeff Reese,*
10. Other Business/ Discussion
11. Motion to adjourn
12. Closing Prayer: *Pastor Jim*
13. Council convenes into 1st meeting with newly elected officers.

**Barneveld Lutheran Annual Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2019**

1. Opening Devotion: Pastor Jim
2. Call meeting to order by President Jeff Ziegler.
3. Approval of Annual meeting minutes of January 21, 2018
-Motioned by Missy Lease, seconded by Judy Busser, Motion carried.
4. Council President Remarks, Jeff Ziegler
 - A. Proposed future spending plan
 - a. Enough funds to help with budget
 - b. 5/10 year plan
 - B. Future Financing
 - a. Putting the money aside as there is no major use for it right now
 - b. Giving has increased
 - c. Automatic giving has increased, gifts still coming in even if we can't attend
 - C. Bill and Marcene Thousand Memorial Gift
 - a. \$78,000 to General fund
 - b. \$400,000 to Foundation with an additional \$238,000
 - D. Foundation Fund
 - a. Foundation funds are to not be used for everyday expenses at BLC
 - b. Russ Moyer commented that 5% of the Foundation funds can be used early.
 - c. Roughly \$700,000 in the foundation at this time, BLC can utilize \$35,000/year.
 - E. Projector and Screens
 - a. Are up and can be utilized
 - b. Tech support from the company needs to come back for a trial run with BLC
 - c. Peggy Jones addressed, who is those persons? Will the screens be available to others who use the church? Who will that person(s) be to help run it?
 - a. currently we do not have anyone
 - d. Joann Manteufel asked if the presentation of the screens will be in a power point
 - a. Pastor Jim responded, correct it will be program as such, along with hymnals, pictures, etc.
 - b. We need to look into licensing and ways to utilize the screens
 - c. Utilizing high school youth is challenging regarding their schedules
 - F. THANK YOU and THANK YOU
 - a. congregation and to Pastor Jim for choosing BLC and adding much needed energy
5. Council Election:
 - A. Council nominees: Jeff Reese, Alycia Hathaway, Wendy Doescher
 - a. 3-2 year terms to be voted. Motion to add Jeff, Wendy and Alycia continue for 2 years by Deb Piquette, seconded by Bette Vivian.
 - b. acknowledge out going Council Member: Craig Johnson Thank you!!!
 - B. Synod Assembly Delegates: Saturday May 4th-Sunday May 5th, 2019 at Marriott West, Middleton WI
 - a. Peggy Jones and Joann Manteufel will attend.

-Motion for ladies to attend Synod by Mike Peterson, seconded by Nancy Carden.

6. Ministry Team Reports (approval) FIA, Holy Moly, GIFT, Health, Property and Grounds, Technology, Worship and Music, and WELCA.

-Motion to approve all reports by Joann Manteufel, seconded by Judy Busser.

7. Investments Update: Mike Peterson

A. Investment funds

a. \$41,379; \$47,188

b. long-term investing and CDs

B. Endowment to be used yearly: \$1,000/year goes to youth

8. Financial Review of 2018: JoEllen Uptegraw and Danielle Moyer

A. Up \$8400.00 for the year

B. First time in awhile that we did not have to borrow money from the Parsonage Fund

a. \$3,000 will be coming out of the cash funds for Auditing

C. Offering increased by 7%

D. Attendance increased by 4%

E. Expenses down by \$2400 which has been consistent all year

9. Presentation and Approval of Working Spending Plan for 2019: JoEllen Uptegraw and Danielle Moyer

A. 5% Increase

A. Does the budget plan go toward screens/technology? Asked by Peggy Jones

a. Money for screens and technology has come from the memorial gift accounts

b. Council decides where funding for maintenance, training, etc. comes from

c. Denise Hummel also commented on the funding, making sure the funding is there if we need to hire a staff member to run technology

-Motion to approve 2019 spending plan by Russ Moyer, seconded by Dennis Baumann.

10. Other Business/Discussion

A. Deb Piquette had ask for congregation to start wearing name tags

B. Bette Vivian wanted to Thank Pastor Jim and council for all that has happened and the growth in BLC, the many young children in the church. Bette feels very BLESSED!!!!

11. Motion to adjourn

-Motion made by Deb Piquette, seconded by Becky Stauffer

12. Closing Prayer: Pastor Jim

13. Council convenes into 1st meeting

Minutes by Alycia Hathaway

Statistical Report 2019 – (Page 1)

Baptisms = 11

Name	Date	Parents
Bo Daniel Arneson	11/10/2019	Tom and Alyssa Arneson
Mc Kenna Horton	05/19/2019	Tyler and Bridget Horton
Tatum Kalish	09/29/2019	Tiffanie and Josh Kalish
Branch Leatherberry	02/17/2019	Kevin and Andrea Leatherberry
Olivia Moyer	02/24/2019	Hilary and Daniel Shemak
Leila Namie	05/03/2019	Jody Moyer and Afton Namie
Gordon Olday	01/13/2019	Jonathan and Chelsea Olday
Hunter Schmid	08/28/2019	Randy and Anita Schmid
Levi Schmid	08/28/2019	Randy and Anita Schmid
Ayden Seabrook	07/07/2019	Alan and Ashley Seabrook
Cam Sullivan	12/01/2019	Nicole and Trent Sullivan

1st Communion = 5

06/02/2019

Joey Barrios Jr	Alissa Fuller	Elliot Hathaway	Nora Kleimenhagen	Jalen Kittleson
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Confirmation = 12

05/05/2019

Parents

Kaitlynn Baumgartner	Chad and Katie Baumgartner
Ashland Carden	Jason and Kelly Carden
Reece Doescher	Leo and Rachel Doescher
Eve Eno	Brad and Shelly Eno
Alayna Forbes	John T and Anne Forbes
Noah Guenther	Gregg and Holly Guenther
Ryan Gust	Lia and Scott Leahy, Jason Gust
Evan Hathaway	Josh and Alycia Hathaway
Garrett Heitke	Karen Engen Heitke and Geoff Heitke
Ellie Ihm	Kevin and Michelle Ihm
Madi Uphoff	Wendy Uphoff
Makenzie White	Kelli and Bert Fuller

Marriages = 2

Claire Pohlman and Mark Bergman	08/03/2019
Aaron Halvorson and Ashley Matthias	03/22/2019

Funerals -member = 6

Donald Arneson	Died: 01/30/2019	Funeral Service: 02/04/2019
Katherine Barrios	Died: 04/25/2019	Funeral Service: 05/02/2019 at ELC in Mt. Horeb
Robert Jacobson Sr.	Died: 05/08/2019	Funeral Service: 05/13/2019
Duaine Kirschbaum	Died: 11/28/2019	Funeral Service: 12/11/2019
Guenther Kolb	Died: 10/08/2019	Funeral Service: 10/19/2019 at Attic Angels, Middleton
Mae Tilley	Died: 04/09/2019	Funeral Service: 04/13/2019

New Members received = 49

Adults = 36

Un-confirmed Children = 11 Un-baptized children = 2

Danielle Bartow	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
with child Ayla		
Amanda Breunig	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Mark and Teresa Buechner	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
with children Callie, Leo and Emily, Max		
Deb Granger	08/04/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Jason & Sateash Kittleson	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
with children Quinton & Jalen		

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Statistical Report 2019 – (Page 2)

New Members

Jonathan and Carrie Kramer with children Lucas & Colin Bergmann	10/27/2019	Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Lake Mills, WI
Ryan and ViAnn Lampman with child Sophie	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Kevin and Andrea Leatherberry	02/17/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Ana Marie Moyer	02/24/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Chelsea Olday with children Burkley & Haddie	01/13/2019	Transfer from Dodgeville Methodist
Jonathan Olday	01/13/2019	Reaffirmation of BLC membership
Anita and Randy Schmid	08/28/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Alan and Ashley Seabrook	07/07/2019	Release from St. Bridget Catholic Church
April Smart	10/27/2019	Transfer from Hope Lutheran Mineral Point
Betty and Terry Smith With Alana and Aurora	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Trent Sullivan	12/01/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Jon and Erin Trainor with Bailey and Jakoby	10/27/2019	Affirmation of Faith
Jeffery and Kimberly Wright with children Dexter, Carter, Charlene, Oliver	10/27/2019	Transfer from Barneveld UCC
Kristen Shea	12/29/2019	Transfer from Shelburne United Methodist, VT

Transfer Out of BLC = 1

Confirmed = 1

Children = 0

Mary Kay Baum	10/01/2019	Transferred to Grace Lutheran Dodgeville, ELCA
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Statistical adjustment for 2019 = -12

Barneveld Lutheran Church Membership

Baptized Membership December 31, 2019 = 594

Baptized Membership, December 31, 2019 = 635

Attendance Records - BLC monthly Averages

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	98	92	90	105	113	105	76	78	114	153	149
February	109	118	93	113	99	106	84	84	145	143	150
March	105	132	110	116	136	97	83	143	132	180	171
April	132	150	147	147	100	126	112	122	186	166	182
May	99	122	133	119	110	140	49	163	125	138	153
June	67	83	77	80	86	100	59	81	145	144	129
July	68	79	85	84	72	66	67	88	117	104	128
August	76	73	89	78	74	69	48	87	120	121	125
September	104	110	103	141	101	110	72	130	179	186	161
October	115	122	116	127	126	129	72	139	180	177	171
November	104	104	111	116	118	122	98	137	172	171	154
December	108	124	133	111	104	126	131	147	182	182	153
Yearly Average	99	110	107	111	103	108	79	123	150	155	152

Attendance for 5pm Worship which began on September 15, 2019 was not recorded

Lenten Attendance	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	70	55	74	69	66	59	51	76	86	122	127

Annual Report: Pastor's Review 2019

Dear BLC Family,

Our scripture guiding us this past year has come from Ephesians 1:3-4: *"Blessed be the Maker of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Before the world began, God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless and to be full of love."* The word "blessing" is used as adjective, verb and noun. Much like our mission statement of "sharing Christ's Light," you and I get to reflect that mosaic of light and blessing as God's adjectives, verbs and nouns.



We assembled this cross this past Lent and Easter from broken plate pieces. There is beauty in our brokenness. When we come for worship, no matter the season, God offers us grace, mercy and forgiveness so that we can "go be church after church" reflecting that light and blessing. Here's some of the blessings given and received this past year:

2019: New 5:00m Sunday Evening Service. Revitalization Property Team. Christmas Shoebox Project. God Sees Beauty in our Brokenness Lent Theme. Wegner CPA Review of Policies. Old Church Choir. Lefse making. Temple Beth-El Visit. First Communion and Confirmation Retreats. Pure Joy: A Sacred Journey CD. Human Trafficking Awareness. BLC Got Talent Show. Taize. Guenther Kolb's 100th birthday celebration. Financial Peace University. Bure Berry Patch. Wedding engagements. Growth. Baptisms. New Families. Joy. Holy Moly. Bridge. Confirmation. Chaos.

Roof issues over fellowship hall. End of Lutfisk Dinner. Generous gifts. Heartbreaking deaths and funerals. Blessed wedding unions. Spirited affirmation of baptism celebration. Live streaming worship. Rally Day honoring all of our youth. Bucky visiting BLC. Backpacks for Friends outreach. Helping Hand Fund. Word ornament project. Singing homilies. Backpack children's sermons. Yoga in Advent and Lent. Book Club. Vacation Bible School and Day Camp. Sugar Creek Family Camp. Lenten Devotional Booklet. Trick or Treating for the Hungry. Worship at the Moyer Barn and potluck. Lenten Soup and midweek services. Commitment Sunday. All Saints. Grazing in the Grasses dinner at the Lee Farm. APT Theater Experience. Mentoring during Lent. Rooted with Purpose. Guys Gather Grow Go. Bell Choir. Game Day. Family Game Nights. Believe It. Live It. Come to It.

Pastoral Acts in 2019:

11 baptisms. 4 first communions. 12 confirmed. 3 marriages. 34 new parishioners. 1 transfer out of BLC. 9 funerals. Hundreds of visits. Countless meetings. *More than numbers, these are moments of God's light shining in our church family!*

Looking ahead in 2020:

What might God be calling us to do? Part of that answer will include doing some remodeling/ rehabbing/ repairing of the roof and fellowship hall. Our revitalization team will be working with CNK Enterprises on the improvements to the building. It's time for a facelift on the physical parts of our building. Spiritually, I hear God calling us to more bible study and adult education classes.

Last Word:

We may be the only bible some people ever read. So, what do others see as they read our life, and do they feel God's presence and see God's wonderful mosaic of light in us?

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.
Pastor Jim Hearne "PJ"
December 2019

Presidents Letter 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters of BLC,

Time sure flies when you're having fun and it's hard to believe another year has come and gone. It's nice to write a report that has so many positive aspects to it. As I write this Thanksgiving is behind us and the season of Advent is just getting started. I pray that in between the hustle and bustle of this busy season that you find time to enjoy some quality time at the church. Our family continues to grow and, in a time, when most churches are having trouble "filling the pews" we seem to be flourishing. Our finances are in good shape, not that we have monies to start new programs, but we are able to fund the ones already in place. **Let me take this time to put in another advertisement for Automatic Giving.** We are having increases in that area but the more the merrier. It's nice to know your giving is with the church even when you can't be.

Let me start with a couple of big thank you's. First to Pastor Jim for all you bring to BLC. Your commitment to us is clear and there are many of us who see that you are spread very thin with so much to do. Besides Worship there are home visits and horrible diagnoses that you have walked us through, all the committee work, education and a multiple other duties. Thank you for being so committed to them. Secondly Marcia, for all your hard work to the church and the council.

There are of course, many other thank you's but they are so many that they can't all be mentioned. Rest assured you are all very much appreciated. Our finance team is working on getting a new bookkeeping system in place and we should have that up and running by the first of the year. Our education leaders for Holy Moly, Bridge and Confirmation are in full swing this time of the year. The time commitment for those leaders is so appreciated as we have gone from small classes to much larger classes. Just look at the size of our normal children's sermons.

As promised the screens have been purchased and are now a part of our regular worship services. I think they add much to the worship experience as is but there is so much more we could do with them. We do have a Technology Committee which is basically a committee of one. If you have gifts in this area we sure could use you to help with the programming for service. The committee's for Property, Faith in Action, Worship, Stewardship and Health Ministry are all meeting when needed and are doing some good work. Again, if you feel called to one of these teams please let that be known. Although a big thank you to all these teams is extended, I would like to single out Judd Koerwitz on the property team. The property team is there to make sure little things at church are taken care of; Judd had the roof project dropped in his lap because of the timing. Judd has really stepped forward in tackling this project doing everything from getting the bids to making sure the supports were in place. He has committed to see this through to the end. Thank you so much Judd.

Speaking of the Revitalization Team, yes they have been meeting and are tackling big questions about how we'll move forward going down the road. They will have many decisions to make for us all as the project advances. The start time for the project will be in the spring so we don't have to fight the snow. From remodeling to repairs they have volunteered for this very important work. Let's all pray and be supportive of the decisions that are made.

I know there are some things I've probably left out and for that I apologize. I pray that 2020 is not only a good and prosperous year for our BLC family but also for yours!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff Ziegler (Ziggy)
Council president

Faith in Action Team 2019 Report

The Faith In Action Team members include *Shelly Lee, JoEllen Uptegraw, Lana Dyreson, Kailey Langdon, Peggy Jones, Megan Mieden, Alycia Hathaway and Pastor Jim.*

The purpose of this team is to encourage the education and faith enrichment of the congregation and community. We value the inclusion of all age levels of our members and friends. This past year included a number of offerings.

Holy Moly serves preschool through 4th grade students. The Holy Moly education team includes *Alycia Hathaway, Amy Hearne, Ellie Ihm, Tamra Ihm and Megan Mieden.* They focus on teaching various stories and themes from the bible.

Bridge is offered for students in grades 5 and 6 and is led by *Sateash Kittleson, Jay Langdon and Jon Trainor.* The focus is biblical studies in order to be prepared for confirmation.

The **Confirmation** program consists of 7th graders and 8th graders. The Confirmation Leaders are *Anne Forbes, Gregg Guenther, Melanie Markhardt, Danielle Moyer, Jeff Reese and Melissa Gervasi.* The focus is to prepare our youth for their life faith journey. Instruction includes small group sessions as well as whole group settings. The group went on a retreat to Bethel Horizons in October. It is a wonderful bonding, spiritual experience for our youth.

Vacation Bible School was coordinated by *Shayla Danz, Alycia Hathaway and Melanie Norton.* What a success story as they worked this week-long event for our community's children. This year we served 50 children. We want to extend a huge thank you to those who volunteered in the daily activities as well as those who housed the Sugar Creek counselors and those who provided meals.

CHAOS (*Christ Has All Our Solutions*) continues to meet the fourth Sunday afternoon of each month and is open to all community high schoolers. This program is growing thanks to the efforts of our youth as well as its coordinators *Pastor Jim and Ashley Halvorson.* Meetings include playing games, arts and crafts and special adventures.

Game Day has evolved into a time that we really look forward to. Participation has grown

significantly. Game day is held on the third Friday of each month. This is not just for BLC members – we welcome everyone. A light lunch is provided by different volunteers each month and in December we had a potluck luncheon. Lunch is followed by numerous game offerings. Laughter and conversation abounds. We meet every month – rain or shine.



Instead of holding a **Progressive Dinner** this year, Dave and Shelly Lee graciously offered their farm for a different venue. "Grazing In the Grasses" was held on a beautiful summer evening in August on the Lee farm. It was just a magical night filled with good food, great friends and a beautiful sunset. A huge THANK YOU to the entire Lee family for making this happen. We would like to continue two progressive-type events this upcoming year. We need new host families. People sign up to attend (they pay for the cost of the dinner). We divide those who signed up groups (in no particular order) to have dinner with a host family. It is a wonderful way to meet people we only see in church and to reconnect.

This year we added **Family Game night.** It was held on Wednesday evenings during the summer. Board games and family fun was the agenda. We will discuss continuing this during the upcoming year and ask that you consider just unplugging and coming out to bond with family and friends.

Lana Dyreson coordinated a trip to **American Players Theater** again in September. Lana is given a limited number of reduced cost tickets by A.P.T. She shares those with her church family. We had just an absolutely fabulous time and saw a wonderful play – Doll House. Thanks Lana.

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Megan Mieden conducted a learning session called **Financial Peace University** during the summer. This was based on the Dave Ramsey program for credit counseling and managing funds. It was well attended. Those who attended found it extremely beneficial.

This was the first year we introduced a **"Talent Show."** The Extravaganza was held in March and was well attended. The crowd and participants had a great time and we got to see a side of our members we normally don't see. We are in need of a coordinating team for this year as well as more talent. It is fun to just "let our hair down" and have a great time. Who wants to help plan the event???

We offered the **movie** Charlie Brown Thanksgiving this year after a November service. It was very well attended.

The **Book Club** continued. We read four diverse and different books and gathered for discussion and fellowship. All were very thought provoking and are available to read if you have not done so.



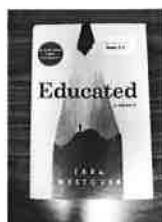
Bob Goff's **"Love Does,"** a powerful collection of essays and short stories about how God works in and through our actions. The book was published in 2012 and is a

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. Discussion was 2/28/19 at BLC.



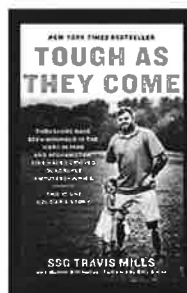
Mitch Albom's **"The Five People You Meet in Heaven"** originally published in 2003. The novel follows the life and death of a maintenance man named Eddie. Eddie is killed and sent to heaven, where he encounters five people who had a significant impact upon him while he was alive.

Discussion was 6/11/19 at Judy Anderson's.



Tara Westover's memoir, **Educated**, tells the story of her journey to obtain an education. Westover is the youngest of seven children who grew up in the mountains of southwest Idaho in a radical Mormon family in the late 1980s and 1990s. From an early age, Westover knew that her family was not like other families because hers did not send the children to school, did not visit doctors' offices or hospitals, and was not issued birth certificates. Westover's world was the mountain in Idaho where she grew up until Brigham Young University accepted her at 16 years old. Getting into college started her down a path to understanding of home, herself, and the world through her education. Discussion was 10/14/19 at Ken & Denise Hummel's home.

"Tough as They Come" by Travis Mills.



Thousands of soldiers die every year to defend their country. United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills was sure that he would become another statistic when, during his third tour of duty in Afghanistan, he was caught in an IED blast four days

before his 25th birthday. Against the odds, he lived, but at a severe cost - Travis became one of only five soldiers from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to survive a quadruple amputation. Discussion was December 2 at Peg Jones' home.

We ended the year with our annual **Christmas Caroling**. We met as a group and divided into two teams and went into the community to sing to some of our community members in need (or want) of a little Christmas cheer. After the caroling, we gathered for hot chocolate and cookies back at church.

A busy year for Faith In Action and we see no end in sight. *Please join in our fun events!*

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Jones

G.I.F.T./Stewardship Report 2019

Growing In Faith Together

- Lent and Easter 2019 – Letter and envelope sent out to BLC Family to prayerfully consider giving an additional gift to church. \$2,725 was given in Easter envelopes.
- Commitment Sunday 10/27/19 – Commitment letter was sent out to members. 2020 - General fund pledges \$121,722, missions \$10,600, capital improvement \$11,290, for a total pledged \$143,612.
- Christmas letter from Pastor Jim with envelope sent out. Invitation for members to consider year end/Christmas offering. \$5,480 was given in Christmas envelopes!

Thanks to Cindy Reeson, Shelly Sandry, Bob Whitish, Lowell Thronson and Pastor Jim for being part of this team!

Submitted by Joni Cleary

Health Team Ministry Report 2019

The Health Team Ministry had a successful 2019 with monthly blood pressure checks, weekly walks, a trip to Blue Mounds State Park and year-round recipes and health news.

- Blood pressure checks are coordinated by Craig Johnson and are available to parishioners on a monthly basis, except for the months of June-September. Ann Mason, Judy Johnson, Craig Johnson and Becky Sturdevant helped assist with those blood pressure readings.
- The walking group met every Wednesday (weather permitting), May through October and was primarily lead by Doug and Judy Johnson. This year, we coordinated a walk through Blue Mounds State Park to enjoy the fall colors. There was very positive feedback and an interest in doing more walks at Blue Mounds State Park.
- Recipes and health news was submitted by Liz Taylor on a monthly basis and published in the BLC Newsletter.

Submitted by Liz Taylor

Property and Grounds Report for 2019

March 2019

We had major ice dam issues on two areas of the church roof resulting in some interior leaking; this was a result of heavy snow and a warm up and then freeze again. This appeared to be a minor instance at first. Once the snow melted and spring clean up started it was noticed that there was major roof damage, this was turned into our insurance company and a structural engineer was sent out to come up with a repair plan. We are still working on finalizing the details of the scope of work. Major repairs and renovations are planned for spring of 2020.

Lawn Care

Numerous volunteers again took care of the lawn mowing and grounds maintenance. We appreciate all who volunteered their time and please take your turn if you haven't already done so. Jada's Garden landscaping was hired as a consultant to clean up the front of the church with volunteer labor to remove old bushes and spread new rock. Hydrangeas were planted in front of the church and on the east side of the building.

Snow Removal

Plowing is contracted through Bill Jones and salting through Judd Koerwitz.

Building Maintenance

Spring clean up day again had a great turn out of volunteers to clean the church from top to bottom. Any and all help is appreciated and welcome!

Lighting

The church is slowly turning light fixtures over to LED as needed.

I would like to again thank all the volunteers who helped out as they could in 2019. Everything from picking up trash as you walk into church to donating the use of heavy machinery is what makes BLC thrive.

Judd Koerwitz
Property

Technology Report 2019

BLC is utilizing technology in several ways to reach our parishioners and provide information in a timely manner to keep our church family updated.

1. Facebook

- a. We currently have 708 followers, which is an increase of 138 followers from last year, and our Sunday morning worship which is posted on Facebook Live reaches over 300 people each week.
- b. The age range of our followers is from 0 – 99+.
- c. Facebook is an additional way to reach our parishioners as well as to communicate with the community to raise awareness of what BLC is all about and encourage participation in the many activities at BLC.

2. Website & Emails

- a. The BLC website is a great resource for information regarding activities, etc.
- b. Pastor Jim sends out weekly emails as a reminder of what the sermon focused on and also provides a weekly reminder of what the main activities are for that week.
- c. The Monthly Newsletter is sent via email and is posted on our website.

3. Projection Screens

- a. The Projection screens are up and running. We are continually exploring ways to integrate them in to the two services. Utilizing the screens allows the parishioners to enjoy worship on several different levels and mediums.

4. Technology Team

- a. We are slowly building a team of talented members who can contribute to and expand our use of the various mediums we use to communicate.

5. Amy Hearne, Pastor Jim and Marcia Thompson are involved in the day to day communication of BLC. Many members volunteer their time to help with the projections screens during both worship services, Face book Live, and many other ways and all are vital to the process as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Doescher

Worship Team Annual Report 2019

Members: Joann Manteufel, Becky Stauffer, Marcia Thompson, Julie Reese, Nancy Carden, Cindy Reeson, Karen Erickson, Linda Seeley, Jeff Ziegler and Pastor Jim.

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW...

CHRISTMAS 2018 was well attended serving 418 people between 2 services. LENT was right around the corner. We continued our time honored tradition of soup suppers before service each week. We made another wonderful Lenten Devotional that everyone enjoyed. Our theme for Lent was "God sees Beauty in our Brokenness". Each week we broke a new plate to symbolize our hurts and things broken in our lives. David Lease made us a wood cross frame that in the end, was covered by our broken pieces and made into a beautiful mosaic cross put together by Becky Stauffer, Marcia Thompson, Nancy Carden and Joann Manteufel.

We added 2 new screens in our Sanctuary and we are using them every week. Special thanks to Randy Moyer for helping with installation and wiring.

In July we enjoyed "Worship in the Barn" hosted by Russ and Donna Moyer. A large pot luck and fellowship followed.

August found us "Grazing in the Grasses" at the Dave and Shelly Lee farm. It truly was a magical evening spent under the stars.

On September 15th, we began offering a 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening service. We hope it provides our busy families another opportunity to attend worship. This service will be reassessed after 6 months.

In October an outing was planned at Bures Berry Patch to pick pumpkins and have a hay ride. Unfortunately the rain set in and the event was cancelled.

This brings us back around to Christmas 2019. We have 3 Christmas Eve opportunities for worship this year. Please check in often in 2020, it promises to be another great year!

Submitted by Joann Manteufel

WELCA Annual Report
Barneveld Lutheran Church
December, 2019

Beginning Checkbook balance: **\$13,854.31**

INCOME FOR 2019

Donald Arneson Funeral	500.00
Easter Cinnamon Roll donations	38.00
Mae Tilley Funeral	200.00
Katie Barrios Funeral	250.00
Lutefisk Supper closed checking account	6.72
Sherry Lang- Lutefisk Supper Thank You/Donation	50.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,044.72

EXPENSES FOR 2019

Women of the ELCA - Churchwide offering	200.00
Women of the ELCA - Local offering	200.00
VISA - see listing below**	2,007.39
BLC - Helping Hand Fund	2,000.00
Synod - Blessings in a backpack fund	100.00
Kavanaugh - Bowls for soup supper	49.84
Glacier Ridge - 1 case cinnamon rolls	62.00
Various Families - Bible Camp Scholarships	450.00
BLC - Carpet cleaning expenses	1,000.00
Pastor Jim Hearne- Christmas gift	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2019	\$6,369.23

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/31/19 **\$8,529.80**

**Our WELCA VISA card is used to pay for items such as fabric for new paraments, coffee and creamer, coffee cups, plates, napkins, new communion ware, quilting supplies, books for our book club, etc. etc.

Jeff Reese does a quarterly internal audit of this account per audit instructions from Wegner & Associates. He reviews all visa statements and other expenses for this account

Barneveld Area Food Pantry 2019

The Barneveld Area Food Pantry is a cooperative outreach of the Barneveld and Ridgeway churches, local organizations and private donors. Located in the Barneveld Lutheran Church, 505 Swiss Lane, (608-924-8621), it offers a variety of dry goods, eggs, bread and frozen meat.

Through December of 2019, families made 460 visits to the pantry. Our community, from children to senior citizens, again put great energy into collecting food and money for the pantry. Consequently, we have been able to keep pace with our neighbors' need for assistance. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have received 7,169 pounds of goods donated from the community during 2019!. We have also purchased 2,657 pounds of items from retail stores and have bought nearly three tons of food from the 2nd Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin.

Pantry Shopping: The pantry is open Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment. It has no residency or income-level restrictions, but clients may visit only twice a month, but we do not turn anyone in need away.

Depending on family size, a client may take home one to four bags of food. Clients fill their bags with whatever shelved dry goods they wish. Staff additionally provides eggs, bread and frozen meat.

Staff: Marcia Thompson, the Lutheran church office manager, oversees the pantry. Volunteers, including Judie and Lowell Gibbon, Elsa Greene, Becky Stauffer and Jan Stoltz, shop at cost-effective vendors, especially Second Harvest Food, bank, weigh and sort food donations, and stock shelves. Additional volunteers help sort and store items collected in large food drives, and they are very much appreciated.

Special Contributions: During the May Postal Collection we received 1,046 pounds of item; the Annual Trick or Treat for the Hungry by Barneveld Lutheran Christian Ed youth collected 2,942 pounds of donations from throughout the village. Quantum Devices donated 110# of hams prior to Christmas for us to give clients. Vortex employees held special collections during the year to benefit the pantry as well. The annual carnival hosted at the school raised a FANTASTIC \$3,225.00 for the pantry!!

Many other local organizations, including the Congregational and Catholic churches, the Barneveld Library, the Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Peoples Community Bank, Compeer Financial, Specialized Electric, Knights of Columbus, Perry Lutheran WELCA, Circle Sanctuary, Barneveld Over 55, also have made food donations or monetary donations food for the pantry. Many individuals also contribute.

The pantry relies on local food collections to supply items prized by our clients that are seldom or never available from Second Harvest. The pantry especially welcomes donations of sugar, flour, canned fruit, canned pasta, diced tomatoes, boxed cereals, creamed soups (other than tomato), shampoo, laundry soap, bath soap, baby wipes and toilet paper.

Besides food and hygiene items, the pantry welcomes cash donations. Money goes a long way at the Second Harvest Food Bank. The pantry can buy cases of dry goods there at greatly reduced prices, frozen meat costs only 18 cents a pound, and loaves of sliced bread are free.

Since we began purchasing through 2nd Harvest in May of 2010 we have brought almost 40 ton of items back to the pantry from 2nd Harvest!



Thank you to each and every one who has supported the Barneveld Area Food Pantry in some

way throughout the past year. We can all be proud to be part of a community willing to share our blessings with those who are struggling at the current time. We never know what circumstances may lead us to be on the receiving end at some time in our lives.

More volunteers are always welcome; you can help on a regular basis or just a few occasional hours. To volunteer contact Elsa Greene at 924-2705 or email her at epgreene@frontier.com or contact Marcia in the church office 924-8621 or email barneveldlutheran505@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Greene and Marcia Thompson

Finances BLC 2019

Net Income \$4,264.68

68 Households are Automatic givers

Monthly ACH total giving \$8,691.00

Monthly ACH giving Breakdown

General Giving - \$7,557.00

Mission Giving - \$643.00

Capital Improvement Giving - \$491.00

10% of our monthly Mission giving goes to help fund the Helping Hand account.

Helping hand Account balance is \$1,757.11.

7% of monthly Mission supports World Hunger which we supported by giving \$679.56

7% of monthly Mission supports Sugar Creek Bible Camp which we supported by giving \$679.56

7% of monthly Mission supports Lutheran Campus Ministry at Platteville which we supported by giving \$679.56

The remainder of our monthly mission supports South Central Synod and their mission; we supported this ministry by giving \$6,698.37.

Our Capital Improvements account has a balance of \$13,332.00, partly funded by our monthly giving and many generous donations from members.

We recently started the "Back Packs for Friends" Fund to help support families in our community. This will be on going and our members support and outside donations will make this possible. At this time the balance of this account is \$1,365.88

We have supported many other missions this year including the Operation Christmas Shoe Box gift giving to children in Rwanda. We continue to help support our Food Pantry through donations and Trick or Treat for the Hungry and Rally Day has continued to be a great way to support our youth at all ages and activities.

Thank you for continuing to be such a caring and giving church family. If you are interested in Automatic Giving contact Joann Manteufel. You do not have to bank at The Peoples Community Bank to participate in ACH giving.

Barneveld Lutheran Church December 31, 2019

Current Assets

General Checking Acct	\$113,103.70
LPL Investment 4088-5344	41,523.05
LPL Investment 7233-6345	<u>42,891.80</u>
Total	\$197,518.55

Current Liabilities

Youth Gathering	\$ 4,897.06
Youth Fund	5,213.84
Helping Hand	1,757.11
Back Packs for Friends Project	1,365.88
Capitol Improvements	13,332.20

Net Income \$ 4,264.68

BARNEVELD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Income Statement
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2019

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual
Revenues			
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00	98.70
RENT & USE OF CHURCH	0.00	0.00	650.00
GIVINGS FROM MEMBERS	18,885.00	0.00	170,811.00
MISSIONS GIVINGS	853.00	0.00	9,410.22
OPEN CASH	517.00	0.00	4,631.76
SPECIAL OFFERING	(200.00)	0.00	1,999.50
Total Revenues	20,055.00	0.00	187,601.18
Cost of Sales			
Total Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	20,055.00	0.00	187,601.18
Expenses			
PASTOR SALARY	3,749.68	0.00	44,996.16
PASTOR BENEFITS AND PENSION	3,034.81	0.00	36,417.68
PASTOR SOC SEC ALLOW	0.00	0.00	3,340.00
PASTOR HOUSING	1,731.08	0.00	20,772.96
PASTOR CONT EDUCATIO	0.00	0.00	1,822.03
MILAGE REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00	2,688.91
GENERAL SUPPLIES	9.16	0.00	810.05
ELECTRICITY	288.52	0.00	3,541.56
WATER & SEWER	94.43	0.00	1,047.44
NATURAL GAS	410.82	0.00	2,808.96
INSURANCE/WORKMANS COMP	452.91	0.00	5,516.44
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES	0.00	0.00	4,300.17
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	110.00	0.00	625.92
JANITOR	400.00	0.00	4,575.00
CONVENTION EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	145.11
OFFICE SECRETARY	1,236.13	0.00	13,534.65
EMPLOYER FICA TAX	0.00	0.00	(18.00)
COPIER EXPENSE	357.94	0.00	4,278.97
POSTAGE EXPENSE	186.07	0.00	1,969.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	121.47	0.00	1,490.47
OFFICE SUPPLIES	154.48	0.00	3,201.72
REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSE	(71.38)	0.00	2,851.23
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY	800.00	0.00	4,925.00
MUSIC SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	16.02
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	212.37	0.00	4,239.39
YOUTH ACTIVITY ALLOWANCE	(2,328.97)	0.00	0.00
EVANGELISM & ADVERTISING	(15.00)	0.00	1,364.06
STEWARDSHIP	160.76	0.00	3,338.55
SOUTH CENTRAL WIS SYNOD	580.28	0.00	6,698.37
WORLD HUNGER 40 DAYS	58.87	0.00	679.56
SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP	58.87	0.00	679.56
PLATTEVILLE MINISTRIES	58.87	0.00	679.56
Total Expenses	11,852.17	0.00	183,336.50
Net Income	\$ 8,202.83	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,264.68

For Management Purposes Only

Barneveld Lutheran Church
2020 Projected Spending Plan
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020
PASTOR SALARY	\$ 47,996.00
PASTOR BENEFITS AND PENSION	33,990.00
PASTOR SOC SEC ALLOW	3,672.00
PASTOR HOUSING	20,772.96
PASTOR CONT ED	1,970.91
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	1,782.76
JANITOR	4,800.00
OFFICE SECRETARY	13,000.00
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	5,000.00
SOUTH CENTRAL WIS SYNOD	5,675.06
WORLD HUNGER 40 DAYS	575.74
SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP	562.29
PLATTEVILLE MINISTRIES	575.73
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	5,381.51
INSURANCE/WORKERS COMP	4,200.00
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES	5,182.81
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	802.62
ELECTRICITY	3,008.69
WATER & SEWER	1,068.53
NATURAL GAS	3,580.68
COPIER EXPENSE	4,049.18
POSTAGE EXPENSE	2,068.15
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1,404.30
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,902.33
EVANGELISM & ADVERTISING	2,110.03
GENERAL SUPPLIES	970.20
INVESTMENT FEES	105.00
REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSE	481.21
Good Gifts Expense	293.45
Stewardship	2,190.12
Helping Hands Expenses	3,246.08
Miscellaneous Missions	2,678.38
ADULT EDUCATION	196.88
Youth Education Expense	2,008.38
Capital Improvements Expense	2,122.22
Miscellaneous Expense	575.83
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 191,000.00</u>

Barneveld Lutheran Church Foundation

Assets:

Checking account as of 12/31/2019	\$214,009.52
LPL current	623,853.41
ELCA as of 9/30/2019	59,863.81
Thrivent as of 12/31/2019	36,561.86
Total:	\$934,288.60

Funds Distributed 2019

James Hearne – sugar creek family week	\$ 450.00
Youth Gathering – annual contribution	1000.00
Carla Leuzinger – camp	250.00
Total:	\$1700.00

**Barneveld Lutheran Church
Endowment Account**

Investment	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Value 12/31/2019
Bank of American Bond	8/26/2024	4.200%	\$ 6,439.60
Bank of American Bond	10/19/2020	2.625%	\$ 7,035.09
Bank of Delmarva	1/31/2020	2.450%	\$200,000.00
Cedar Rapids B&T	1/31/2020	2.450%	\$200,000.00
Safra National Bank of NY	1/30/2020	2.500%	\$200,000.00
Money Market Account			\$ 9,975.30
Total Account Value 12/31/2019			\$623,449.99

**** Three different banks were used for CD's so all were covered by FDIC Insurance**