

# Barneveld

## Lutheran Church

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**We are live on Face Book at 9am each Sunday and at 11am each week day.**

### Building Update by Judd Koerwitz

Just a quick update as far as fellowship hall project goes. We have reached an agreement with West Bend Insurance and work is still on pace to start 4/1. With the pending "Stay at Home" order things may change. The revitalization team and Church council have approved a complete kitchen remodel and possible lighting upgrades for the whole church too. We are working with CNK Enterprises, Inc. as our general contractor for the work. There is a window of opportunity to start some of the work while the building is not in use. The Council appreciates your patience and understanding through this process. We hope to share updates as they happen.



Please keep in prayer the contractors doing the work on our building as we hope to repair and "freshen" up our spiritual house of worship.



### Holy Week Home Kits!

Our Worship Team is putting together prayers, reflection questions and family friendly "kits" for you to use at home during Holy Week. Please pick up your kit at church on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> or Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am.

### Shelter in Faith!



As we shelter in place during these days, perhaps let's better see this as an opportunity to "shelter in faith!" Look out for one another, check in on family, friends and neighbors. Join us for prayer and worship on our live stream Sundays at 9:00am. Let's "quaran-team" together as we shelter in faith!

**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. Believe It! Live It! Come to it!**

Dear BLC Family,

George Bernard Shaw once said, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." In the midst of covid19 and all the cancellations and gathering restrictions, these poignant words about community are truer than before. As we talk about social distancing and self-quarantine, I am ever more aware of our need to remain connected with each other. As Springtime brings back the sounds of birds, I am reminded of how Canadian geese interact with each other.

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.



When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front. If we have the sense of a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are heading the same way we are.

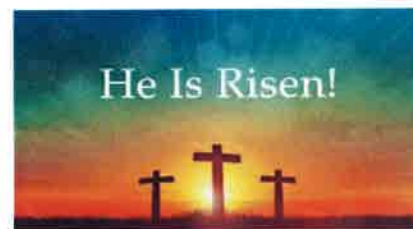
When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the flock and another goose flies point. It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Always encourage those who have the courage to be out front. Finally, and this is important, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of the formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it

dies; and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their own group. If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that. Maybe that is what Easter reminds us about- the importance of us as community and helping each other to rise and fly especially in these days.



As of this date, the Governor is putting a "sheltering in place" rule. These restrictions have impacted us all on many different levels. We will continue to update you about any possible news through email, the website and Facebook. Please stay connected with us.

We will continue to stream a message and prayer on Sundays during this time. Our worship team is putting together a "take home" Holy Week kit for you to use with your families at home. The kit has items that represent moments in Jesus' last week on earth. Included are scripture references and tokens that symbolize events including a palm, a golden coin, a cross and so forth. Stay tuned on how we will make these available for pick-up.



Let's watch out for each other flying in V-formation with each other these days of new norms of sheltering at home and self-quarantines. A blessed Easter to you and your family!

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.

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