

# Barneveld Lutheran Church

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



**Thank you** to those who purchased flowers for our Easter Worship setting even in the midst of a "Safer at Home" Celebration. The flowers enhanced our worship space for all who watched our "Live" stream worship on Face Book.

Dan & Ronda Bowe in memory of Greg & Joe Burns

Cheryl Watkins in memory of Finnley Watkins

Kevin & Kristen Shea in memory of Ellen St. George,  
Marion R. Shea, Dell Fay Schwingel &  
in honor of our children and grandchildren

The Gervasi family in memory of Sharon Murray

Doug and Judy Johnson in memory of Harvey & Lenice Doescher  
and Jack & Alpha Johnson

Steve & Sharon Klein in memory of Katie Barrios

Linda Seeley in memory of LaVerne Olson

Jeff & Cindy Ziegler in memory of Verna Hackbart &  
Annette Ziegler and Fred & Tammy Nechkash

PJ, Amy, Anna & Peter Hearne in memory of Bill &  
Dona Hearne, John & Teresa Hilgart, Kay Lucas,  
and Bob & Joyce Specht

Donations to the Back Packs for Neighbors:

Dave & Joann Manteufel in memory of

Drew Manteufel and Gale Manteufel

Paul and Delores Swedlund in memory of our parents

## **We live-stream on Face book**

Sunday mornings at 9:00am

Fireside Chats Mon – Fri @ 11:00am

**(you don't need a FB account to tune in).**

In your browser search bar type in

***Barneveldlutheranchurchfacebook***

This will bring up our public face book page and you can watch and see any posts we have made. Please stay connected to BLC. Let the Church Council or PJ know if there is anything you need during this time.

## **Council members are:**

Jeff Ziegler, Missy Lease, Michelle Ihm, Judd Koerwitz, Jeff Reese, Alycia Hathaway & Wendy Doescher

## **Renovations Update!**

To date, the crew has removed the shingles from the roof (*except the sanctuary*) and replaced with new shingles. We are awaiting the new trusses to be built and then they will be installed over fellowship hall and the kitchen. Those spaces will be also be renovated once the exterior roof work where the truss replacement is done.



In the meantime, work is being done to renovate the front entrance way of the building. A new main distribution panel, conduit and boxes for electrical has been installed. We will continue to update you on the renovations.



Dear BLC Family,

Esther de Waal, a scholar in Celtic spirituality, once penned: "The promise is not that we shall escape hard things but that we shall be given grace to face them, to enter into them, and to come through them." The promise of Easter grace Esther writes about is exactly what allows us to face these unprecedented times and challenges. Our stay-at-home or shelter in place began back on March 24th. We will come through these times, but we will do so changed.



I recently read an essay called "Prepare for the Ultimate Gaslighting." For those unfamiliar, "gaslighting" is manipulating (someone) by psychological means into questioning their own sanity. The point of the essay is that we have been given this new norm or "great pause" in our lives from COVID19. We soon will receive (or already have) stimulus checks for when the slow roll-out of the economy begins. We will be flooded with advertisements from every which direction saying we need to go back out, travel, buy this, get that item, "do this/do that," etc. in order to reclaim or recapture our normal sense of happiness. We will be manipulated into trying to return to the old normal we all were living. The point of the essay is encouraging us to resist the massive gaslighting that will occur not only in our country but around the world. The line that struck me was this: "From one citizen to another, I beg of you: take a deep breath, ignore the deafening noise, and think deeply about what you want to put back into your life."

It got me thinking. Has this "great pause" been that bad? Are we worse off for having this extra time at home away from hustle and bustle? I get we all have been affected and have our fair share of disappointments but maybe this chance to take a deep breath is what we all needed. When things begin to get rolled

back, will we seriously consider what we want to put back in our lives?

I won't want to give up some of the things gained in this time. Most importantly, I've had the opportunity to spend real quality time with Amy, Anna and Peter. But I've also had the chance to more intentionally connect with parishioners through phone calls, texts and zoom meetings. I've witnessed our 15 eighth graders give wonderful faith statements to their leaders and classmates in our online confirmation sessions. I've seen people come out and participate in parades celebrating birthdays and special moments in people's lives. I've witnessed Cliff and Yvonne transform their little diner into a cafe of hope offering meals for free. I've seen us face these difficult challenges and come through them together. I've seen and felt grace and it has been AMAZING!



As of this date, the "sheltering at home" rule is in place until at least May 26th. **For your convenience and spiritual nourishment, we live-stream on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 9:00am (you don't need a FB account to tune in).** Please stay connected to BLC. Let the Church Council or myself know if there is anything you need during this time.

May Esther de Waal's words be our Easter prayer: "The promise is not that we shall escape hard things but that we shall be given grace to face them, to enter into them, and to come through them." Pray and think about what you want back in your life. Don't fall for the gaslighting.

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.

PJ