

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!

Greetings BLC Family,



On the one hand we just had Thanksgiving, where does the time go? On the other hand, I don't think 2020 is ever going to end!!! LOL. On behalf of the Council we hope you had a very blessed Thanksgiving!! When I start my list of what I'm thankful for it starts with COVID 19 and Pastor Jim leaving, and it seems maybe my list of things to be thankful for will be very short this year. Very wrong. There is so much to be thankful for even in a year like this one. My list is too long to share but suffice it to say that my family and I are very thankful for all the goodness God blesses us with. Good health and each other would top the list and then it goes from there.

We would again like to thank Pastor Rich Mc Leer for filling in for us through November by recording worship. The council is moving forward with what we need to do to keep the process moving forward in our search for a new Pastor. Council was able to have a meet and greet Zoom meeting with Pastor Erich Hartenberger who will be our Interim Pastor through our call process. We have had one hiccup and that is, Pastor Erich will not be able to join us until the first of the year. That means we are searching for a supply Pastor to take us through the Christmas Season. We are looking into that now, but we may have a Christmas Season of worship unlike any other we've been able to share in the past. The search continues.....

Again, thank you to all who faithfully give of your treasures to the church be it through automatic giving, mailing your donations or through Tithely. We have been very fortunate with where we are financially. Although we find ourselves a bit behind for the year, I'm sure we would all agree it could be a whole lot worse. I'm sorry if the tone of this letter is not more uplifting but I think prayer helps that. It won't be long and we'll have a vaccine for the pandemic, we'll have our Interim Pastor in place and we'll be headed toward a new pastor and a new chapter in the life of BLC. We just need to keep our focus on Hope!!

Emily Dickinson wrote: *Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings a tune without words.....and never stops at all!*

Thanksgiving Blessings BLC,

Jeff Ziegler,
Council President



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Did you know that Barneveld has 2 Little Free Libraries?

One is by Barneveld Lutheran and the other one is on Business ID in the green space between Robust Tools and Shenigans Sports Pub. There are a variety of children's and adult books in these libraries just waiting to be read.

Reading has been shown to put our brains into a state similar to meditation, and it brings the same **health** benefits of deep relaxation and inner calm. Regular **readers** sleep better, have lower stress levels, higher self-esteem, and lower rates of depression than non-**readers**.

Why not read as a way to spend some time while we are staying close to home, especially now in the cold months. Reading to/ with our children and grandchildren is good for us and the kids.



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THE *kindness* ADVENT CALENDAR



1 Share this with someone kind	2 Smile at everyone you see	3 Spread the word about a small charity	4 Compliment a stranger	5 Spend time with a friend or family member
6 Be kind to yourself. Do something that makes you happy.	7 Give someone a gift (however small), just because	8 Thank someone who has gone out of their way for you	9 Spontaneously tell someone why you think they're great	10 Send an encouraging text or email to a friend
11 Support a small independent business	12 Give someone a hug	13 Send a card to a seriously ill child (postpals.co.uk)	14 Offer to help someone who has a big to-do list	15 Make someone a surprise drink
16 Give five genuine compliments	17 Let someone know that you appreciate their work	18 Sponsor someone or share a fundraising page	19 Hide a friendly note in a public place	20 Give feedback about good customer service
21 Write a note to someone you've not spoken to in a while	22 Lend a friend your favourite book or film	23 Let someone know you're thinking of them	24 Plan 5 kind things you want to do in the New Year	Have yourself a very lovely Christmas!