

**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!**

**Return to IN-PERSON worship**  
**Sunday April 11th**

BLC will continue to live stream worship every Sunday at 9:00am on Facebook. You do not need a Facebook account to watch.

<https://www.facebook.com/BarneveldLutheranChurch/>

The Church council has approved coming back to IN PERSON worship with safety precautions in place.

### Safe Worship Behavior Guidelines 3.0

(effective 4/11/21 until further notice)

Please strive to abide by the following

• **WEAR A MASK:** Masks are always required by everyone within the building except for children under the age of 5; there are masks available for free within the main entrance, so please take and wear one when you are within the building.

• **WATCH YOUR DISTANCE:** Maintaining a distance of about 6 feet from others except those within your own household is also always required, exceptions have been made in our sanctuary seating so that households may group together, but these "pods" should not be excessive in size.

• Please do not gather anywhere inside the building to socialize before or after worship without adequate distancing.

• **WASH YOUR HANDS:** Hand sanitizer is available as you enter church, at the entrance of the sanctuary, and several other areas. Please make a practice of cleaning and disinfecting your hands for the safety of all.

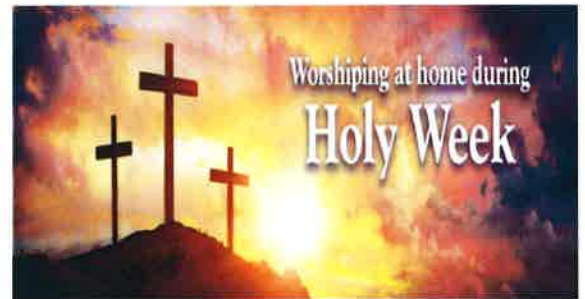
• Worship attendance is limited to 100 attendees

• Worship attendance now requires reserving a seat by noon on the Thursday before; this will make contact tracing effective should such a thing become necessary because of infection.

• Assembly singing is prohibited; it's just not safe to sing together in the pews yet.

• To reserve a seat call the office 924-8621 or use the Google sheet that will be emailed.

**Thank you for your patience & understanding and thank you for keeping BLC a safe & healthy place for our church family to worship.**



## Holy Week Schedule

### Maundy Thursday - April 1st

Join us on Facebook at **7:00pm** for live stream worship.

### Good Friday - April 2nd

you can choose to attend the ecumenical service at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at **12 noon**, Pastor Erich will be participating, or join us on Facebook at **7:00 pm** for live stream worship.

### Easter Sunday - April 4th

we will offer live stream worship at **9:00 am** on Facebook. The bell choir will play and we will have the beautiful songs we love to hear on Easter to celebrate our Risen Lord Jesus!



## Alleluia!

If you open your mail right away, we still have a few days until Easter. We are in the midst of the

Paschal Triduum (also known as the Three Days that begin on the evening of Maundy Thursday and end on Easter evening). Technically, we are supposed to put away our “Alleluia” for Lent and not shout this proclamation until Easter morning. But it’s always appropriate to praise the Lord and this is exactly what *Alleluia* means (it’s Hebrew for: “Praise the Lord.”)

We have much to praise God for these days!

- Spring is officially here: the snow has melted away, robins have returned, buds are growing on trees, and the grass is greening.
- Covid infections are decreasing and the number of folks fully vaccinated is increasing.
- We are experiencing signs of life where death once reigned; glimpses of resurrection life!

Holy Week is all about Jesus’ transition from death to resurrection; it reveals God’s power to change the way the world has always operated. By raising Jesus to life, God validates all of the ministry that Jesus did with people before he went to the cross. All the eating with tax collectors and sinners, the healing of lepers and the blind and lame, forgiving people, and socializing with outsiders; it was all shown to be approved by God when Jesus was raised from the dead!

As we prepare to celebrate Easter this year, we not only celebrate an event that occurred long ago, we also celebrate the hope Christ’s resurrection gives for our future. We celebrate the ripple effect of the resurrection; all of the smaller signs of new life in our midst.

One of these signs is our return to in-person worship beginning on April 11<sup>th</sup>. It’s been over a year since BLC gathered in community indoors; soon you will have the opportunity to meet with fellow worshipers in the sacred worship space you call your church home. Alleluia! Worship won’t be quite the same as before, but it will be a welcome start to a new era at BLC. It’s another sign that this congregation is transitioning to new life.

As BLC continues to transition through this interim, it’s important to ask some questions:

- Who is God calling BLC to be now?
- What is God calling us to do next?
- In what ways is God calling us to be signs of resurrection life to our greater community?
- Who is not present among us? Why?
- Are there more effective ways for us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbors?
- How do we minister to our own members who can’t be present for in-person worship?

As a community formed around God’s promise of new life, I invite you to pray for clarity on God’s will for BLC. Engage one another in conversation about the ways you are fed through this congregation’s ministry. And rejoice in the wonderful work God is doing through our church. Give thanks and praise to God for the new life you’ve received in baptism. And don’t forget to say Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God’s blessings on your Easter Season,

Pr. Erich



**Thank you for the Easter Lilies given to decorate our Sanctuary space for Easter.**

In memory of Freddy, Tammy and Patty Nechkash  
by the Ziegler family

In memory of Verna Hackbart & Annette Ziegler  
by the Ziegler family

In memory of Oscar Hechel by the Sandry family

In memory of Gerald Sandry by the Sandry family

In memory of Gordon Dimpfl by Pauline Dimpfl

In memory of Jorge Macias by Deasy Hartenberger

In memory of Judith McNeely  
by Teresa & Mark Buechner family

In memory of Finnley Watkins and in honor of Piper  
& Graham Watkins by Jim and Cheryl Watkins

In memory of Dale Arneson by the Lee families

In memory of Vivian & Beverly Lee  
by the Lee and Hathaway families

In memory of Drew Manteufel and in honor of  
Terri Schlimgen by David and Joann Manteufel

In memory of Harvey & Lenice Doescher and Jack &  
Alpha Johnson by Doug & Judy Johnson family

To the Glory of God by Marie Dimpfl



## **April 25 Confirmation Worship**

The Confirmation Class of 2020 whose Confirmation day got canceled last fall will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism on April 25th, 9:00 am.

This in person service will be reserved for the students and their families. Since this is a large class we will probably have all 100 spots for worship filled by the class and their guests.

## **Barneveld Lutheran Church**

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:00am

**Office Phone:** 608-924-8621

*Tuesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm*

*Wednesdays 9:00am - 4:00pm*

*Thursdays 9:00am - 11:30pm*

*or as needed.*

**Pastor Erich is available in the office most days  
except for MONDAY is his day OFF**

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924-8621 or 608-445-7152



If you are spring cleaning and have any flannel or regular sheets you no longer want, we would take them to up-cycle into quilt tops or backs for our Quilt Ministry.