

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!

Good news BLC!

Many of you provided names for potential Transition Team members as BLC looks to call your next settled pastor. From the names you provided, several people were contacted and asked to join the team. Seven people have discerned God's call to do this work.

Your transition team is:

Alycia Hathaway
Diane Schlimgen
Russell Moyer
David Moyer
Jon Trainor
Gregg Guenther
Terry Nelson

**Transition
Team**

Over the coming months this team will focus on this congregation's past, present, and future. They will need your participation to accurately describe how God has worked through this faith community and to discern where God is leading you. The team will consider BLC's heritage and how this has shaped who you are today. They will dig deeper into your relationship with the surrounding community and find out how BLC is perceived by those who live near you and how you might better serve and interact with your neighbors. In conversation with you, the team will also discern how God is calling BLC to be church as you look to call your next settled pastor to walk with you in your future ministry.

Communication is important! As the Transition Team meets, you will be updated on their progress. How can you help? Three "P's": **pray, participate, and patience.** Pray for each member of this team.

Pray that they receive the resources and support they need to do their task well. **Participate** by responding to any questions asked of you; share your own insights into the ministry here at BLC, and give constructive feedback. And have **patience.** This work takes time! One of the most common mistakes a congregation in transition makes is, attempting to rush the process of calling the next settled pastor! It is normal to experience a level of anxiety as a congregation when a settled pastor is not in place. I suspect this anxiety is running higher in any congregation searching for a pastor after experiencing (and continuing to experience) COVID. Living with a level of uncertainty is challenging; I think it's human nature to want things settled and in place for greater peace of mind. But this is work that should not be rushed. The goal is to provide an accurate Ministry Site Profile to our synod so that BLC's call committee can interview candidates whose gifts best match the mission and ministry of this faith community.

If you have questions about the Transition Team contact Pr. Erich or speak to one of the team members.

OUTDOOR

WORSHIP

June 27th



On the church lawn, bring your own chairs or blanket for seating.

If it rains, worship will be indoors and outdoor worship is moved to the next Sunday.

BLC LIVE streams Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am through our Facebook page. You can see the most recent service as well as weekday videos using this link (no account needed to view videos):

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

In What Way Is God Calling Me To Serve

We're all probably familiar with the story of Moses parting the Red Sea (Exodus 14), but less familiar are the other water partings that take place in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, when the Israelites crossed the Jordan river and entered into The Promised Land, they crossed on dry ground (Joshua 3:17-4:18). Also, just before Elijah made his heavenly ascent, Elijah used his mantle to strike the water of the Jordan so that he and Elisha could cross on dry ground. Immediately after his master was gone, Elisha picked up Elijah's mantle, struck the Jordan again, and crossed back on dry land (2 Kings 2:8, 13-14). All of these water crossings represent transitions. In Exodus, the Israelites leave the land of their oppressors to begin their journey through the wilderness. In Joshua, the wilderness wanderings transition into entrance into The Promised Land. In 2 Kings, one prophet assumes a position of authority from his master as the mantle is literally passed on.

At the end of Deuteronomy Joshua becomes Moses' successor. ***"Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses."*** (Deuteronomy 34:9). After Joshua leads the Israelites across the Jordan into The Promised Land, the people recognize his role as Moses' successor: ***"On that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him, as they had stood in awe of Moses, all the days of his life."*** After Elisha receives Elijah's mantle and strikes the Jordan river with it, the prophets standing on the other side of the river declare: ***"The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha."*** (2 Kings 2:15a).

BLC is in a period of transition; much like one of the many water crossing stories from the Old Testament. As you continue to navigate the dry land under your feet, the mantle needs to be passed. You are transitioning from one settled pastor to the next, from the days of COVID to increasing in-person activity, and from

members who have served this congregation in various ways who are ready to step down. Lee Pollock and Missy Lease have served for several years in lining-up ushers and readers, respectively. They are both ready to pass the mantle on to the next members who will find ushers and readers. Perhaps God is calling you to step into one of these positions. If you are willing to support BLC's ministry as one of these coordinators call the church office and let us know. (924-8621)

There are plenty of other opportunities to serve as well. For example, you can join one (or more) of BLC's seven ministry teams: **Faith in Action, GIFT/Stewardship, Health, Property & Grounds, Website/Technology & Communications, Worship and Music, and Finance.** With some of these teams, the need is not so much passing the mantle as it is adding more people, think along the lines of Matthew 9:37: ***"Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...'"*** For example, right now the Property & Grounds Team is a one-man team, Judd Koerwitz! Our Website/Technology & Communications Team could use more folks too; Gregg Guenther, Missy Lease, and Marcia Thompson have been working hard to keep live, online services streaming to many members and non-members alike.

BLC has much to be thankful for when it comes to all the work done "behind the scenes" in order to have ministry happen here. Thank you to all the people who help make Sunday service preparations, confirmation classes, the food pantry, and so many other programs work. Now, as we continue to transition out of COVID, there is even more work to be done! Take some time this month to pray to God about your level of commitment to BLC. Then listen to how God's Spirit may be calling you to assist with the work of this faith community. If you have already completed and returned your spiritual gift assessment, thank you! If not, please take the time to fill one out. This assessment can help you, and others, identify where your spiritual gifts can most benefit BLC.

God's blessings to you as we continue to journey through this interim season,

Pr. Erich

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER opportunities



Would you like to assist with worship on
Sunday mornings?

We need individuals to be involved in ministry as
Ushers, Readers, Communion Servers, and do Lawn Care each week. To volunteer call the church office 924-8621, or text Marcia at 574-8182 or email barneveldlutheran505@gmail.com or talk to pastor.

Do you have any favorite hymns or



songs you would like
to hear during our
worship services on
Sunday mornings? Let

us know by talking to Julie Reese,
Becky Stauffer, Pastor or the office.

Beginning with this month's newsletter
we will be featuring bios of BLC
council members so you can know
them a little better. You'll learn about
their: families, occupations, hobbies,
faith words, and more!

Jeffrey "Ziggy" Ziegler

I've been a member of BLC since I married my wife Cindy 32 years ago. Cindy and I have four children, Jesse, Megan, Tiffany and Sarah and all were confirmed here. This is my 16th year serving on the BLC Council. I was part of the Confirmation Team for 20+ years and found that to be a big part of my life in the church. I work in the Critical Power industry for a company based in Las Vegas, NV. I get to work remotely from home which I thoroughly enjoy. When we're not working and there's no snow on the ground, we love being on our patio and enjoy our flower gardens and watching the birds on our feeders. We love to be on the boat and enjoy fishing and hunting. I've changed by word several times over the years but for some time now it has been Strength. I was taught about what strength truly is by one of the 8th grade kids that went through confirmation. I'm not really sure I knew what inner strength was until Sam taught me.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Rhubarb Cherry Crunch

3 cup Oatmeal 1 cup Brown sugar

1 cup Flour 1/2 cup Margarine

Combine ingredients and put 1/2 in bottom of a 9x13 pan. Place 4 C. finely chopped rhubarb on crust.

Boil 1 c. water + 2 Tbsp corn starch; add 1 can of cherry pie filling and 1 tsp. almond extract. Pour over rhubarb and cover with remaining crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Health tip

drink a glass of water

first thing in the morning



Coffee's great too, but it's best to start your day by re-hydrating with a full glass of water. Hydrating first thing in the morning helps to aid digestion, enhance skin health and boost energy.

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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.

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