

**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!**

## Transition Team Update

BLC's Transition Team met on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The team has identified six non-BLC members from the greater community to interview. Each team member has generated several questions; currently these are being refined and condensed into a shorter list. Listening to outside perspectives: this congregation will gain a better self-understanding, become more aware of communal needs, learn more about your neighbors, and ultimately, have a clearer vision for the work in which God is calling BLC to participate. On July 7<sup>th</sup> the team will meet to finalize details for this interview and conduct it shortly after.

The next step will be to gather and share stories from members of BLC. This collective storytelling will allow the congregation to look back and see where God has led you. Express those things which have brought you meaning and joy, and lament losses along the way. In the end, a better understanding of who you have been, will help in understanding who God is calling you to be as you move forward.



BLC is responsible to staff the **Clothes Closet**, 102 E Lincoln St. in Mt. Horeb during the month of July. We sort all donations that come in and staff the CC during open hours.

Open Hours: **Saturdays July 10th & 24th**

**10am-12noon**

**Thursday July 15th 5-7pm**

**Contact Shelly Lee 575-2421** or

Marcia Thompson 574-8182 if you can help.

You can pick up a key for the facility at our office, so you can work at a time that fits your schedule. There are posted instructions on what to do at the facility.

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP



### July 25th

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/>

## Pastor's Pen

### Think about BLC's Heritage (History)

In the first few months of the COVID pandemic it was common to hear folks say: "I can't wait until we get back to normal!" Social distancing, mask restrictions, virtual learning, and the cancelation of so many in-person events (including funerals

and weddings), have taken their toll. But with time, many folks have recognized that there is no such thing as "getting back to normal." Instead, the language has shifted to talk of "the NEW normal." Things are not going to go back to the way they were; but eventually we will come to a new sense of stasis (society will find a new balance and routine).

Currently, we are living with many unknowns, many uncertainties. Many folks are questioning their career paths; some have been overtaxed for the past 15 months (think medical professionals like doctors and nurses), some have been unemployed and are struggling financially, others have had time to reevaluate priorities and are quitting their jobs. Some folks have discovered they can do the same work differently (work from home/online either full or part-time). We are experiencing a paradigm shift, defined as: "a fundamental change in approach or underlying assumptions."

The uncertainty of where the future might take us can generate fear and discomfort; the familiar and known becomes more comfortable. However, seeking comfort in the past does not come without risk; we can create a false narrative that tells of a time when everything was great, when that's not really true! The exodus of the Israelites is a case in point: **"The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'" Exodus 16:2-3.**

Through Aaron and Moses, God was leading the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to freedom in The Promised Land. It was hard for the Israelites to trust God as they stood in this unfamiliar in-between place (wilderness) with rumbling stomachs. But God was leading the people to life and away from death! There's no way a life a slavery was the better option to a life of freedom; but the Israelites hadn't known anything different yet! If you recall, God did provide manna for the Israelites; they received their daily bread. And the

memory of having it so good in Egypt...well, that's pretty unlikely! Slaves wouldn't have been eating their fill of meat and bread, that would have been reserved for the Egyptians. After the Israelites arrived in The Promised Land, they could look back and see how God provided for them along the way. It was important to record their history, not so that they could live in the past, but so that they could remember that God was always providing for them wherever they went and leading them to something better!

As a congregation, BLC is going through its own time of transition; which may at times feel like a time in the wilderness (especially with COVID)! It's important to review the heritage (or history) of this faith community. Here is a direct quote from a resource titled *Congregations in Transition* from the Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA (the section is titled "Coming to terms with history"): **"The congregation gathers to remember all the stories. They tell one another (especially those who have recently joined) the congregational stories, reminding one another who the congregation has been. They make sense of how God has been active in their history, through the ups and downs of the past. They tell public stories (and even personal ones) of who and what they have loved and lost. In addition, churches sometimes have 'old issues' or conflict which never was fully resolved and which tends to re-surface in unsettling times. All of this remembering is critical so that the community can be invited to let go before they are asked to imagine a new future with a new minister."**

Our Transition Team will be reviewing BLC's history as an important step on the way to envisioning where God is calling this congregation into the future. I encourage you to reflect on the various events and people who have shaped who you are as a faith community today. Where do you see God working through these people and events? Be prepared to share your stories with the team when asked. And as you reflect on the past, think about what is important to retain and what is important to release. What calls for celebration? And what calls for lament? And through it all, know that God has been with you and God will continue to support and guide you!

God's blessings on your July,

Pr. Erich

WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER  
opportunities



Would you like to assist with worship on Sunday mornings?

We need individuals to share in ministry as ushers, readers, communion servers each Sunday and to do Lawn Care as needed during the summer. To volunteer call the church office 924-8621, or text Marcia at 574-8182 or email [barneveldlutheran505@gmail.com](mailto:barneveldlutheran505@gmail.com)



FREE Blood Pressure Checks will be offered after worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month courtesy of the Health Ministry Team.

**JULY 11th**

Thank  
you ❤️

Thank you to our Wonderful Church Family:

For the prayers, calls and cards! At the time of Steve's heart attack and during his quadruple heart surgery! We are very Blessed!

God's Blessings  
Steve and Henri Parks

### Health tips - Be safe in the heat

- Drink plenty of water, don't wait until you feel thirsty.
- Don't exercise as hard when it's hot, be sure to take rest breaks.
- Stay in the shade when you can
- Avoid exercising during the hottest times of the day.
- Where light colored, breathable clothes
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion, such as nausea, dizziness, cramps, and headache. If you notice any signs, stop your activity right away, cool off and drink fluids (stay away from alcohol and sugary drinks)
- Apply sunscreen and lip balm with a minimum of SPF 30

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Easy Crockpot Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 pound frozen shredded hash browns
- 1/2 pound breakfast sausage
- 1/2 pound bacon (cooked and crumbled)
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (divided)
- 1/2 medium onion (diced)
- 1/2 green pepper (diced)
- 1/2 red pepper (diced)
- 12 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Instructions:

1. In a large skillet over medium heat, brown sausage with onion and peppers until cooked through and no longer pink. Drain and set aside.
2. Grease a large 6 quart slow cooker (or bigger) with cooking spray or butter
3. Layer half the hashbrowns in the bottom of the slow cooker
4. Top with half the sausage mixture, bacon, and then cheese. Repeat layers with the remaining ingredients, except cheese.
5. In a separate large mixing bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, salt, pepper, and sour cream - Pour over hash brown and sausage layers.
6. Cook on low for 6-8 hours or 2-3 hours on high.
7. Sprinkle on remaining cheese and cover until melted.
8. Serve warm with lots of fresh toppings, such as sour cream, tomatoes, salsa, avocado, green onions, or chives.

## ***Who are my Church Council members?***

### ***Meet Ronda and Melissa***



#### **Ronda Bowe**

Our family joined BLC shortly after moving to Barneveld in 1997. Since joining, I have helped with the Sunday School program, served as a confirmation leader, and I'm currently serving on the council and as liaison for the Health Ministry Team.

My husband Dan and I have three adult children: Danielle (David) Moyer; Alyssa (Tom) Arneson and Grant (Shelby) Bowe, so far we have been blessed with seven grandchildren ranging from five months to eight years old.

I am currently employed by SWCAP-LIFT as a transportation coordinator helping people find rides to their appointments. When I'm not working, I love spending time with my family and friends. You may even see me walking or jogging down the road at times.

I love the music at church, some of my favorite songs are: "We are Marching", "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me", "Borning Cry" and every time I hear "I Come to the Garden" it reminds me of my grandma playing the piano when I was young.



#### **Melissa Lease**

Missy has been part of the BLC Family for just over a quarter century. She currently serves on the BLC Council as Vice President and is also on the BLC technology team.

Melissa works in the exciting telecommunications industry as Senior Marketing/Sales Manager at MHTC. Known for her love of the color orange and for being a bit cheesy, she gets herself involved in many programs and activities. She is currently serving as a Chamber Ambassador for the Mt Horeb Chamber and also on the Board of Directors for the Upland Hills Health Foundation.

At the end of the day she loves to go home and cook with wine for her lucky and supportive husband, David. This year will mark their 26th wedding anniversary and they are very proud parents of 4 beautiful daughters with growing families that now include 5 awesome grandchildren. Hobbies and life adventures include instructing Boot Camp 3 times a week, hosting family and friends at their home and hunting cabin. Traveling and visiting new places for both hunting adventures and 1/2 marathon destinations.

## Barneveld Lutheran Church July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	2 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	3 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>
4 9:00am Worship  <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	5 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	6	7 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30  <i>Transition team mtg</i>	8	9	10 10-12 BLC Staff Clothes Closet, volun- teers needed
11 9:00 am Worship  Blood Pressure Checks	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	13	14 8:00am BLC Walking Group  Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	15 5-7pm BLC Staff Clothes Closet— volunteers needed	16 9:30—12noon  Game Day	17
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25 9:00am OUTDOOR Worship	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	29	30	31

Volunteers for July		Volunteers needed = VN		
	July 4th	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th Outdoor
Lawn Mowing	As needed	As needed	Jeff Reese	As needed
Ushers	VN	Deb Piquette	VN	Not needed
Assisting Minister	Jeff Zeigler	Peg Jones	Deb Piquette	Julie Reese
Reader	Jo Ellen Uptegraw	Dave Baumgarten	VN	VN
Communion Servers	VN	VN	Rick & Judy Anderson	VN
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson and Julie Reese			

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**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.*

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

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