

**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

The BLC Transition Team met on July 7th, 21st, and 28th. The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 4th. The team reviewed feedback from non-BLC community members. One insight gained: members belonging to other area faith communities are familiar with BLC and have an overall positive image, someone who is not connected to a faith community has very little knowledge of BLC.

The team is now focusing on internal aspects of this congregation. Currently, the emphasis is on BLC's history. Aug. 8th you'll be invited to participate in a hands-on project in our fellowship hall. The more participation the better! This collective history sharing is important (newer members can especially benefit) for understanding how God has fed and sustained us over the years; through joys and sorrows.

We are collecting Core Values feedback from members; currently, we have input from about 40 members. **If you have not already done so, you can submit your electronic (emailed to you) or paper response.** All of this work helps BLC discern how God is calling us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed within our specific context. And who God is calling to lead us as a pastor in this work. Continue to **Pray** for the transition team, this faith community, and your next future pastor.

**And Participate when asked!**

1914 1971 1984 1992 1993 1999 2007 2016 2020 2021

**Sunday August 8th**

**JOIN US in the Fellowship Hall as we explore the history of BLC!**

Come share your story and hear the stories of others.

Whether you've been a member your whole life, or only been with us for a short while, **YOU ARE BLC!**

The more stories shared, the better!

**Our collective story is important!**

Hosted by the BLC Transition Team

**OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP**

**August 29**

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.

## Pastor's Pen Remembering our Baptismal Identity

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" (2 Cor. 5:17) God's creating activity is not isolated to a one-time event, but is continual. And throughout

scripture we encounter God's promise to create anew. Every one of us has been born anew in baptism. Nicodemus had a hard time understanding how someone could be born again, but Jesus was not talking about entering the womb a second time. Jesus was speaking of God's activity of birthing us into new beings through the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit. (See John 3:1-12). God doesn't just give new birth to individual people, but promises that all creation will be made new. "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away....And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new....'" (See Rev. 21:1-5).

Theologians often speak of God's creating activity in three ways: creatio ex nihilo (creation out of nothing), creatio continua (continual or ongoing creation), and creatio de novo (new creation). Basically, God is understood to be the Creator of all that is; but God didn't just create everything once, long-ago and then step aside and watch everything unfold passively. God continues to be active in creation. And God creates things anew (or renews them). Using trinitarian language, we can say God is the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all that is. God is active in the life of each individual, God is active on the cosmic scale, and God is active in between these; including the life of a community. God has been active in the life of BLC since its beginning in 1914, God sustained and recreated BLC when the community separated from West Blue Mounds Church in 1999, and God sustained this faith community after the tornado in 1984. Through the power of God's Spirit this congregation was born anew in 1985. In some sense a congregation is always being made new.

As BLC continues to transition toward a new settled pastor, discovering your new identity is important. Some questions worth asking are: "Who and what [is BLC] becoming as a congregation, and how has our context changed over the years? What gifts (assets) define us; not simply our building or staff, but our changing participants and neighbors?"

We need to watch and listen, not only for what to conserve, but for what might be emerging in the midst of this new identity." (Taken from *Congregations in Transition* by the Rocky Mountain Synod-ELCA).

When a congregational assembly affirms its baptismal identity in Jesus Christ it is asked: "Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?" Each member of this collective body responds: "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me." This response is followed by another question: "People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? And the response is: "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

In this time of transition, we do well to remember our baptismal identities; both individual and corporate. Grounded in Jesus and the promises God has made to us through him, we pray for one another, share what inspires us in this unique expression of the church known as BLC, and continue to experience the ways God is creating us anew. All of this enables the congregation to discern God's mission and vision for this local expression of the body of Christ and the community it is called to serve.

One of my seminary professors used to recommend that anytime we encounter water (in the shower, washing our hands) we make the sign of the cross on our foreheads and remember our baptism. That's good advice! Each day we are washed anew, each day God creates us anew.

God's blessings to you as you experience God's creating activity in your life and the life of this faith community.

Pr. Erich

Christian Ed will begin soon and we are always open to volunteers who would like to help with our students Pre K - 8th grade.

If you are interested contact the church office, Pastor Erich or Megan Mieden

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.

**August 8th**

Thank  
you 

Our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude for each of you incredible church ladies who volunteered your help in setting up and serving a wonderful luncheon for Jim's funeral reception. Words cannot express how much we appreciated this beautiful outpouring of love from you ladies. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Ardy Nelson and family

### Health tips - Prevent Injury in a fall

Tumbles happen.

Prevent injury in a fall

1. First by protecting your head.
2. Then fold elbows and knees
3. Try to land on flesh, not bone: backside of hips, shoulders, butt, or even your stomach.



### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Blackened Shrimp Bowls

Ingredients:

- 2 c. cooked brown rice
- 1 lb shrimp - tails removed, peeled and deveined
- 1 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- 1 c. fire roasted corn
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 Tbsp. freshly chopped cilantro, plus more for garnish
- Juice of 1 lime, divided
- 1 avocado, thinly sliced

Directions:

1. Make shrimp: in a large bowl, toss shrimp with cumin, paprika, garlic powder, onion powder, and season with salt and pepper. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 Tbsp olive oil. Add shrimp and cook until opaque and charred.
2. Make corn salsa: in a medium bowl combine corn, red pepper and cilantro. Add 1 Tbsp. olive oil, juice of half a lime, and season with salt and pepper.
3. Build bowls: divide rice between four bowls. Top with shrimp, corn salad, and 1/4 avocado each. Garnish with cilantro, squeeze with lime and serve.

From Ronda Bowe

Council Health Ministry Rep



**Dave "The Rev" Baumgarten Bio**

I've been a member of BLC for the past 5 years and been a part of the Barneveld Community for 20.

Joyce and I have four children, Ashley (Aaron) Halvorson, Danielle (Chris) Bartow, Hailey, and Isaac, along with 5 amazing grandchildren.

This is my 1st year serving on the BLC Council. The Church I grew up in prior to coming to BLC, in which I held several positions over the years which included: Music and Choir Director; Youth Director; Head Trustee and Church Treasurer. I've also taught Sunday School and Confirmation. For the past 29 years I've worked with the Frank Beverage Group and I'm currently the Senior Financial Cost Analyst. Love to golf and travel, but mostly, love spending time with my Wife, Kids and Grandkids.

I grew up in a loving Christian home and renewed my Faith and Commitment to God and the Church over 2 years ago after my personal battle with Substance Abuse. My current position on the Church Council is the liaison to the Finance Committee.

## Who are my Church Council Members



**Teresa Buechner Bio**

I've been a member of BLC since 2016. I have served in various capacities since joining and officially became a council board member in January 2021.

I work in the financial technology industry as a Senior Sales Executive for Finastra. I sell the technology a bank or credit union needs to run their operations. When I'm not traveling I work from home, which I really enjoy.

I'm married to Mark and together we have two wonderful children, Callie (8) and Leo (4). I also have the privilege of being a step-mom to Emily (26) and Max (23). I have truly been blessed with an amazing family!

We moved to Blue Mounds in 2016 and have fallen in love with small town living. I enjoy spending time playing with kids, volunteering for PTO, hunting our land, traveling, and relaxing with friends and family.

**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/>**

# Barneveld Lutheran Church

## August 2021

| Sunday  | Monday                        | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday                                      | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|--|----------|---|----------|
| 1<br><b>9:00am</b><br><b>Worship</b>  | 2<br><i>Pastor's day off</i>  | 3       | 4<br>8:00am BLC<br>Walking Group<br>Food Pantry 9:30-3:30  | 5        | 6   | 7        |
| 8<br><b>9:00am</b><br><b>Worship</b>  | 9<br><i>Pastor's day off</i>  | 10      | 11<br>8:00am BLC<br>Walking Group<br>Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 | 12       | 13  | 14       |
| 15<br>9:00 am Worship<br><b>Blood Pressure</b><br><b>Checks</b><br>Council meeting<br>after worship | 16<br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | 17      | 18<br>8:00am BLC<br>Walking Group<br>Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 | 19       | 20<br><b>9:30—12noon</b><br><b>Game Day</b> | 21       |
| 22<br>9:00am Worship  | 23<br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | 24      | 25<br>8:00am BLC<br>Walking Group<br>Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 | 26       | 27  | 28       |
| 29<br>9:00am<br><b>OUTDOOR</b><br><b>Worship</b>  | 30<br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | 31      |  | 29       | 30  | 31       |

| Volunteers for August     |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                           | August 1st                          | August 8th                         | August 15th                        | August 22nd                        | August 29th<br>Outdoor             |
| <b>Lawn Mowing</b>        | As needed                           | As needed                          | Jo Ellen Uptegraw                  | As needed                          | As Needed                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>             |                                     |                                    |                                    |                                    | Not needed                         |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Joni Cleary                         | Delores Swedlund                   | Earlene Laudin                     | Peg Jones                          | Becky Stauffer                     |
| <b>Reader</b>             | Danielle Moyer                      | Earlene Laudin                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| <b>Communion Servers</b>  | Diane Schlimgen<br>Joann Manteufel  | Diane Schlimgen<br>Joann Manteufel | Diane Schlimgen<br>Joann Manteufel | Diane Schlimgen<br>Joann Manteufel | Diane Schlimgen<br>Joann Manteufel |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Joann Manteufel and Diane Schlimgen |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |



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Time Dated Material:

July 29, 2021



**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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