

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 held a congregational event on Sunday Aug. 8th. The focus was on this church's specific history. Thank you to the members who participated! Hearing our collective history helps us to better understand how God has sustained us through the joys and sorrows of more than one hundred years of ministry at BLC. Knowing God has provided through leaders and members in the past helps us to trust in God's provision into the future.

The Team met on Aug. 11th and 18th. Currently, members are distilling some questions from the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) for future input from the congregation. Ultimately, this MSP will be submitted to the synod to assist in sending candidates to interview for the position of settled pastor at BLC.

How can you help? Pray for God's wisdom in discerning which specific gifts are most needed in a pastor to lead BLC in its mission. And pray for God's wisdom to identify which specific tasks need the most attention for promoting a healthy congregation. And participate when asked!

BLC Picnic

Please join us on

Sunday September 12th

immediately following the worship service to enjoy fellowship and welcome our youth back to the next year of their Christian Education.

Lunch will be provided, just bring yourselves!



**Sunday School will be
October through April**

Please pre-register your children, this helps with having proper materials for classes and making contact with all who are participating.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday for the foreseeable future on the church lawn, bring your own chairs or blanket for seating.

If it rains, worship will be indoors

Pastor's Pen

BLC=BOC

This is an equation worth memorizing! No doubt, you already know BLC stands for Barneveld Lutheran Church, but what about "BOC"? What do these letters mean? BOC stands for Body Of Christ. Barneveld Lutheran Church IS the Body Of Christ! Isn't that incredible?! That, here in this village (and the surrounding area), you, the people of this congregation = the body of Christ! Of course, the church universal is the body of Christ throughout the world; Lutherans, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Pentecostal, and non-denominational Christians are all a part of the body of Christ. Wherever and whenever, a few baptized people are gathered in Jesus' name, Christ is present.

When a local expression of the church understands itself to be the body of Christ above all other possible identities, it is truly blessed. Presbyterian pastor, N. Graham Standish writes: "The blessed church sees itself as the body of Christ. To do so, the church and its members must quit considering itself to be something akin to a business, an organization, or even a family. The church has attributes that are similar to a business, an organization, and a family, but it is unique. Nothing else in the world is like a church...Blessed churches are the body of Christ, and they take that fact seriously. In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul outlines a vision of the church as a living, breathing, acting body with Christ as its head. Too few churches hold onto that vision. The blessed church is the body of Christ that follows Christ's guidance to feed, nourish, and care for itself in a way that allows it to grow and become a servant to the world." (*Becoming A Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power 2nd Ed.* By N. Graham Standish).

Basically, Jesus' mission is to do God's will in the world: to heal us, forgive us, welcome us into God's family, and restore us to a right relationship with God. Jesus does these things as no less than the very embodiment of God. In a similar way, we the church, are called to embody Christ. How, specifically, is BLC

being called to be the body of Christ in Barneveld and the surrounding community?

Your current mission statement is: "We the people of Barneveld Lutheran Church are called to be Christ's Light as we reach out:

- + to people in our community with welcome and service;
- + to our members, helping each one feel valued and needed.

In all things we are committed to seeking and following God's will and not our own."

I want to highlight a few words from this mission statement: You the people...are called...to people in [your] community...to [your] members...to seeking and following God's will and not [your] own."

Moving through this time of transition, this time in the wilderness, how can BLC best seek and follow God's will and not your own? It starts with prayer. Praying for God's will to become clear through the voices of other people; people from the community who can best express their needs and spiritually grounded members from the congregation who are able to discern God's voice through all the other noise. Once God's will becomes clear, I encourage you to pray some more! Pray for the strength, wisdom, and courage to follow where God is calling you to go. Often, it is from a place of comfort and familiarity to a more challenging path, but God promises it will lead to new life! From death to resurrection, this is the story of Christ's body!

As you pray for discernment:

May the LORD bless you and keep you,

May the LORD's face shine upon you with grace and mercy,

And may the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace! Amen.

God's blessings on your September BLC!

And remember, BLC=BOC

Pr. Erich



FREE Blood Pressure
Checks are offered after
worship on the

2nd Sunday of each month

courtesy of the Health Ministry Team.

September 12th

Health Tip

from Ronda Bowe, Health Ministry Team

If you are trying to live a healthier life, do not
focus on just the food you eat.

Exercise, sleep, and social relationships
are also very important.



You are invited to join us for **FREE** pizza, salad,
and **BINGO**. Also, learn about a volunteering
opportunity that earns you money.

When: Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Time: 11am—1pm

Where: Dodger Bowl; 318 King St; Dodgeville

Interested in learning more about this unique
volunteering experience? Please attend!



RSVP to:

Paula @ Aging & Disability Resource Center — 608-930-9835

Lori @ SWCAP — 608-930-2191

RECIPES OF THE MONTH

from Ronda Bowe

Refrigerator Dill Pickles

1. Put six heads of dill in the bottom of an ice cream pail
2. Cut cucumbers in quarters (not all the way through - leave attached at the end)
3. Stand cucumbers up straight in the ice cream bucket, on top of the dill
4. Add: 1 onion (chopped) - 1 Tbsp mustard seed
- 2-3 cloves of diced garlic

Make brine

1. Boil: 1 1/2-quart water - 1 pint white vinegar -
1/2 cup pickling salt
2. Pour brine over cucumbers - cover and let set
on counter for 3 days. Refrigerate.

Refrigerator Sweet Pickles

1. 7 c. sliced cucumbers - 1 c. chopped onion -
1/4 c salt — cover with water; let soak for 2-3
hrs. Rinse Well.
2. Boil for 10 minutes: 1 c. vinegar - 2 c. sugar -
1 Tbsp celery seed
3. Add above mixture to well rinsed cucumbers;
cover and sit on the counter for 3 days.
*pickles will soften and go beneath liquid.
4. Refrigerate.



Ladies

Mark you Calendars!

Our **Rooted With Purpose**
 Women's Group is planning a night of
 relaxation & fellowship at
Bailey's Run Vineyard
 near New Glarus
Friday, October 1st

We will meet at the church parking lot at 5:45pm and carpool to the vineyard.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Faith In Action Committee is offering an opportunity for all of us to explore our faith. In these troubling times, it just make sense to reconnect and recharge our spiritual energy.



Sunday Morning
 Adult Study

“MAKING SENSE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH”

by David J. Lose is a series of videos/ readings/discussions intended to reawaken our faith in order to more fully live it and work it.

- ◆ This course will consist of 8 sessions, 45 - 60 minutes long
- ◆ We will begin on **Sunday October 3** and hopefully conclude the Sunday before Thanksgiving
- ◆ We will meet right after church and daycare will be provided
- ◆ There will be a slight charge to cover the cost of the book
- ◆ The course will be taught by Pastor Erich
- ◆ A signup will be sent via email in early September

Please RSVP to the church office (call/email) by Sept. 13th so we can order your book and get it to you in time to read the 1st chapter!

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

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	2	3	4
5 9:00am OUTDOOR- Worship	6 <i>Pastor's day off</i>	7	8 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	9	10	11
12 9:00 am OUTDOOR Worship fol- lowed by Church picnic B/P checks	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	14	15 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	16 <i>Mike Feiler pick up quilts</i>	17 9:30—12noon Game Day	18 <i>LWR quilts to Madison</i>
19 9:00am Worship	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	21	22 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	23	24	25
26 9:00am OUTDOOR Worship	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	28	29 8:00am BLC Walking Group Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	30		

Volunteers for September				
	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Assisting Minister	Cindy Reeson	Deb Piquette	Shelley Sandry	Julie Reese
Reader	Joni Cleary	Dave Baumgarten	Dave Baumgarten	Danielle Moyer
Lawn Care				
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson and Julie Reese			

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August 27, 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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