

**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!**



Barneveld Lutheran Church invites  
**you and your family**  
to attend  
**Christmas Eve Worship**  
at  
**3:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday December 24th**



Greetings, I would like to introduce you to the new Administrative Assistant that will be taking over in the BLC office as I retire. I have worked in the BLC office since November of 1992. I have gotten to know so many of you over the years through my work in the church office and it has been gratifying to serve in this calling. I am back to working on the Thompson farm every day since my son Kyle's tragic accident. I believe it was "God incidence" that my retirement was in the works already when this tragic accident happened so I can devote my time to helping on the farm in every way needed.

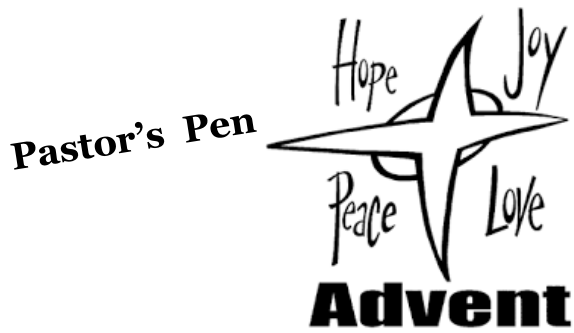
A Servant in Christ,  
Marcia Thompson

My name is Lois (Schwoerer) Herfel. I reside in Blue Mounds at the present time with my significant other David, but have lived in the Mt. Horeb area for most of my life. I grew up on a farm, south of Mt. Horeb near the Perry Catholic Church.

I have two daughters, Casey (Michael) and Leah (Ryan), three grandchildren Molly, Clara, and Andrew, one grand dog Hunter.

I graduated from Mt. Horeb High School and went on to work for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for 41 years before retiring.

Some of my interests are reading, attending plays/musicals, dining out, traveling (learning about other peoples cultures), craft fairs, watching the Packers and Badgers games. But mostly, I love spending time with my grandchildren, grand dog, family, and friends.



*Adventus* in Latin means “arrival.” More specifically (according to Wikipedia), *Adventus* was “the ceremony of an emperor’s formal arrival at a city (usually, but not always, Rome).” As faithful Christians, we too are expecting the arrival of a royal ruler! But we’re looking for the One who arrives in “history, mystery, and majesty.” God arrived in human form, when Jesus was born into this world. The historical part of God’s arrival in the Incarnation already took place more than two millennia ago; we continue to celebrate this at Christmas. But we also look for the coming of Jesus at the end of all time; the time when Christ comes in glory (or majesty)! For now, we live in an in-between time, the time of God’s already, but not yet. God has already come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, but God’s glory has not been fully revealed yet. You could say we live in the middle of the mystery.

How is it that God is present to us in Holy Communion? We don’t fully know, it’s a mystery! But God promises to meet us in this Holy Supper. Jesus also comes to us in the proclamation of God’s Word when we gather together to hear the gospel on Sundays. And while God, in Christ, meets us through word and sacrament, God’s presence is not limited to church on Sunday mornings. Sometimes Jesus appears, mysteriously, to us through unexpected people (and often in unexpected places)!

As we journey through the season of Advent and prepare for the season of Christmas, I invite you to pause each day and reflect on where you encountered Jesus. Where did you experience God working through a person you know

(or a complete stranger)! It may be as simple as someone speaking a kind word, or offering a smile, or a hug on an otherwise difficult day. Perhaps you interacted with one of society’s most vulnerable people.

Could that homeless person at the busy street intersection over in Madison, the one I avoided eye contact with, could that person have offered me an opportunity to experience Jesus in a mysterious way? Or perhaps there is someone from your family, or former circle of friends, with whom you’ve become estranged. Who knows? Maybe as Christmas approaches, this is the year to reconcile the relationship. Jesus could be right in the midst of such a reconciling conversation!

Advent is a time for celebrating God’s arrival in history with the birth of Jesus. And so, we look back; with thankful hearts. It’s a time for anticipating Jesus return in glory, and so we look forward with hopeful hearts. But it’s also a time for looking more closely at the people and the places where we encounter Jesus in the here and now; and so, we also experience peace, love, and joy in our daily lives as we encounter the One who comes to us as Jesus the Christ.

God’s blessings to you this Advent and Christmas as you experience hope, love, joy, and peace!  
Pr. Erich

**Spectacular Spectacular  
Christmas Concert  
Saturday December 4th**

**5:00pm at BLC**

Free will Offering for Community  
Connections Free Clinic  
It will be live streamed on BLC Facebook page too. MASKS required.



**FREE**

**Blood Pressure Checks** are offered after worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month courtesy of the Health Ministry Team.

**December 12**

**Get your B/P checked**

### Monthly Health Tip

from Ronda Bowe Health Ministry Liaison

### Get Outdoors During the Daytime

When it's cold outdoors, it's tempting to spend all your time inside, but you need to push yourself to go outdoors.

If you don't get enough natural sunlight during the winter, it can cause a vitamin D deficiency that can negatively affect your health.

Whenever you have spare time, go for a winter walk, or a walk in the woods.

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH from Ronda Bowe

#### Turkey Pot Pie

1 cup chicken broth  
2 cans cream of chicken soup  
2 cups diced turkey  
16 ounces frozen mixed vegetables  
2 cups cubed potatoes

#### Topping

1 cup flour  
1 cup milk  
1 stick butter, melted

Mix turkey potatoes mixed vegetables together stir in chicken broth and soup mix topping together and pour over top bake for one hour at 400°.



All are invited to join us for

## GAME DAY

**Friday, December 17th 9:30—12 noon**

Come enjoy playing dominos or cards. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. Meat will be provided for the meal.

## December Worship Volunteers

	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 24	December 26
<b>Usher</b>	David Baumgarten	Deb Piquette	David Baumgarten		Deb Piquette
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Earlene Laudin	Pat De Rosier	Jeff Ziegler	3:00 p.m. 5:00 pm: Becky Stauffer	No Assistant needed
<b>Reader</b>	David Baumgarten	Earlene Laudin	David Baumgarten	3:00 David Baumgarten 5:00 Becky Stauffer	Deb Piquette
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joy Coyne and Teri Hendrickson				

## Barneveld Lutheran Church December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 <b>6:00 pm Bridge &amp;</b>	<b>2</b> <i>BLC work at Clothes Closet in Mt Horeb</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm Spectacular Christmas Concert
5 9:00 am Worship  Sunday School	6 Pastor's day off  Office closed	7	8 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30  <b>6 :00 pm Bridge &amp; Confirmation</b>	9	10	11
12 9:00 am Worship Sunday School  B/P checks	13 Pastor's Day Off	14	15 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30  <b>6:00 pm Bridge &amp; Confirmation Class</b>	16	17 9:30—12 noon Game Day	18
19 9:00 am Worship  Sunday School  Council mtg 10am	20 Pastor's Day Off  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	21	22 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30  Leader's Huddle	23	24 <b>3:00 pm and 5:00 pm Christmas Worship</b>	25 Christmas Day  Have a Blessed Safe Day
26 9:00 am Worship	27 Pastor's Day Off	28	29 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 <b>Bridge &amp; Confirmation Christmas Break NO Class</b>	30	31	



An article from our  
churchwide Presiding  
ELCA Bishop  
Elizabeth Eaton

God has given us a mission

November 5, 2021

Remember the Beatles? John, Paul, George, Ringo! I was into it. I had Beatle boots, love beads and granny glasses. My big brother gave me a model of Paul (the cute Beatle) for Christmas one year. It was one of those paint-it-yourself kits. I knew the lyrics to the Beatles' hits better than I knew Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The early hits were pop and upbeat: "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "A Hard Day's Night." Even later "Yellow Submarine" was still whimsical.

But then the Beatles got older, and the world changed. Vietnam, the Kennedy and King assassinations, the urban riots, the 1968 Chicago Democratic convention. Innocence—for those of us who had that luxury—was gone. Skepticism, even cynicism, was the lens through which the world was seen. A lot was broken, including trust in institutions and the church.

In 1971, John Lennon's hit "Imagine" came out. It was evocative and, I'm sure, was meant to point us to the possibility of a better future. I found it disturbing. A world without religion. No heaven. No hell. No countries. No possessions. As if excising these things would cure humanity and the world would be as one.

There was and is enough brokenness in the world to go 'round. But the brokenness is not outside of us—in institutions, politics, religion—it is within us. The only way to construct utopia is to get rid of people. Imagine.

Except God has a different way. It is the way of Jesus. It is the way of love. It is the way of life. You see, God so loves

the world and all of creation and all of us. God is right down with us in all of our messiness. In Jesus, God has reconciled the world to God's self, redeeming it and us in spite of our rebellion. We can stake our lives on the relentless, faithful, powerful, tender love of God.

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During the pandemic we dreamed great things and imagined an ELCA that could envision a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation. We prayed and still pray that the Spirit will activate each of us so that more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love. And we set a goal—engage a million new, young and diverse people by the end of this decade. Why? Because the world deserves to hear the gospel. The world needs to look beyond itself. There is a heaven.

Clearly this is not the work of the churchwide organization alone, nor of any one congregation. It is a mission for all of us. There are so many people who do not know that they need to know Jesus. There are so many people who think that God's grace is too good to be true. There are so many people searching for meaning. All are beloved by God. God longs to draw all people to Godself, to clean us up and wash our faces so that God's image shines clearly from all of us, so that we can see God's image shining from each other.

New, young and diverse? What about those of us who are already here, have always been here, who have been doing the work and paying the bills? We are the 99 sheep that didn't go astray. We are the older brother who stayed home and worked hard. Of course we are!

We have lived in the love of Jesus and walked in Jesus' way. We know the freedom of the Christian. We don't live in an unforgiving world, but in a redeemed world with a future. Why wouldn't we want to share that with as many people as we can?

Even a million new, young and diverse people—why stop there? The flock was not whole until the one lost was found. The older brother did not realize that all his father had was already his as a gift. This is true for us. God has given this mission to invite more people into the way of Jesus. Imagine.

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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time Dated Material:

November 30, 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**

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):