

**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 Transition Team faithfully met from early June to mid-October (4 ½ months). Originally meeting every two weeks, they quickly shifted to weekly (sometimes more frequent!) meetings. They are ready to pass the torch to the call committee which BLC will elect on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to the many members who attended our event reviewing this congregation's history, and to those who gave feedback on paper and electronic surveys. Thanks to the members of the team, who sacrificed many evenings and Sunday afternoons away from family, friends, and various activities, in order to complete the Ministry Site Profile for the purpose of calling BLC's next settled pastor. Thanks for your prayers, patience, and participation! We're all in this together!

In Christ,

Pr. Erich

P.s. When you see any of the people listed below, remember to thank them for their service to BLC!

Greggs Guenther, Alycia Hathaway, David Moyer, Russ Moyer, Terry Nelson, and Diane Schlimgen

Hello BLC Family,

The Transition Team has completed their work and we are ready to approve the Call Committee who will begin their work on calling our next Settled Pastor.

The congregation will hold a special meeting on

**Sunday, November 7th after church** to elect those recommended by the Council. This meeting will be strictly for the purpose of the election and no other church business will be discussed. The members who have been recommended by the Council are:

- **Dave Baumgarten**
- **Greg Guenther**
- **Alycia Hathaway**
- **Joann Manteufel**
- **Shelly Sandry**
- **Linda Seeley**
- **Parker Ihm – Youth Representative**
- **Evan Hathaway – Youth Representative**



There will be six members of the committee and two alternates.

Hope to see you all there.

Jeff Ziegler  
Council President

## Pastor's Pen

“Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. LORD, hear my voice!” (Psalm 130:1). When we, or loved ones, experience tragic events in life, we make these words of the Psalmist our own. It is a normal human reaction to ask: “Why? Why did this happen to me?” or “Why did this happen to my loved one?” But ultimately any answer we might receive to such questions is unsatisfying. Even if we know “why” a 4yr old child died (for example, from cancer); this doesn’t change the fact that this small, unfulfilled life has come to an end! Knowledge doesn’t undo the power of tragedy and death. Even worse, in our attempts to explain the unexplainable, we can assign “reasons” or “causes” for accidents and tragedies that do more harm than good!

Remember Job and his three friends? “Now when Job’s three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home....They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud....They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.” (See Job 2:11-13).

When someone is living through a tragic life event, sometimes the best thing to do is just sit with them quietly; just be present. Showing up as a sign of support, is far more productive than trying “to help” the one suffering come up with an answer as to “Why?” this all happened. Job’s friends do well at the beginning of the story, but when they try to problem-solve his suffering, things don’t go so well. Sometimes we want to blame others, or ourselves, or even God, for our suffering. Sometimes we unfairly attribute someone’s condition to sin: “His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.’” (John 9:2-3).

Job never gets a clear answer as to “why” he undergoes the suffering he does. Ultimately, God the Creator, knows some things that we, the created, simply don’t understand. This can be frustrating when our human nature is to quest after understanding; especially when we believe that knowing “why” can alleviate our suffering. What God does reveal to humanity is: God’s love in a personal and relatable way through Jesus Christ! Through the incarnation, through God entering into humanity and experiencing our betrayal, suffering, pain, and ultimately death, God joins us in full solidarity. God relates to our suffering; because God has experienced it personally in Jesus! But there’s only so much comfort in knowing that the Captain of the Titanic goes down with the ship! If that’s all to the story, it’s still tragic. This is where the resurrection speaks a word of hope. Because God refuses to let pain, suffering, and death have the final word; because ultimately God is the God of life, we place our hope in the God who has the power to raise the dead to new life! The God of resurrection.

The first Sunday in November we recognize All Saints and the last Sunday this month we begin Advent. With All Saints we will give voice to our hope in the God who restores us to relationship with loved ones now separated from us through death. And with Advent we will prepare to welcome the God who enters our humanity as Emmanuel (God With Us). The God who experiences all our humanity, life and death, and everything in-between. The God who, through Jesus Christ, promises us life on the other side of death! For this the Psalmists plea: “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.” Becomes: “O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.” (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn #257, v. 4 in Evangelical Lutheran Worship).

God’s life-giving blessings to you this November!

Pr. Erich

In the book of Acts we hear: *“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.” (Acts 2:44-45).*

BLC is the kind of community that comes together to help others in time of need. As many of you know, Kyle T. Thompson was injured in a farm accident on Oct. 25th. After multiple surgeries, physical and occupational therapy, and fitting for a prosthesis, Kyle will be able to return to farm work. In the meantime, many of you have shown your support and love through gifts of meals, labor, and financial support.

If you would like to offer financial support to Kyle’s family, you can deposit your gift at The Peoples Community Bank. They accept cash or check (make checks out to: Thompson Family Benefit Account) in person, drive-thru, or by mail: P.O. Box 8, Barneveld, WI 53507.

Thanks for embodying Christ to the Thompson family in their hour of need!

Pr. Erich

Thanks to your congregation and other caring souls in our area, Neighbors Helping Neighbors has made an impact on the lives of thousands of people through the Clothes Closet’s annual holiday **Throw Blanket Drive**.

We’re looking for your support again this November, with donations accepted at your church throughout the month. You can also drop off donations at NHN, 102 E. Lincoln St. in Mount Horeb, during open hours of 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the following Saturday’s: 11/6, 11/13, 11/20. We will be closed the Saturday after Thanksgiving (11/27).

The throws are gifted during the Giving Tree’s annual distribution of Christmas gifts to area residents, and any leftover blankets will be distributed during open hours at NHN’s Clothes Closet in December.

Although we accept new or gently used blankets of all types, we have a special need for throw blankets, which measure about 4 feet by 6 feet. That’s a popular size because they’re versatile, fit people of all ages, and are easy to store away in the summer.

We also accept monetary donations to purchase blankets and other winter clothing and accessories. You can send checks to NHN at 102 E. Lincoln St., Mount Horeb, WI, 53572.

Thank you for your continued support of NHN, which provides food, relief services and gently used clothing, footwear and bedding to our neighbors in need at no cost. For more info on our organization, visit [mthorebneighbors.org](http://mthorebneighbors.org), check out our Facebook page, email us at [info@mthorebneighbors.org](mailto:info@mthorebneighbors.org) or call 608-437-6114.

**There is a collection container in the BLC gathering area.**





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

**November 14**  
by **Ann Mason**

### Monthly Health Tip

Health does not always come from medicine. Most of the time it comes from peace of mind, peace in the heart, peace in the soul. It comes from laughter and love.

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH from Ronda Bowe

#### Butternut Squash Soup

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
1 large yellow onion chopped  
1/2 tsp sea salt  
1 (3-pound) butternut squash - peeled, seeded and cubed  
3 garlic cloves, chopped  
1 Tbsp chopped fresh sage  
1/2 Tbsp minced fresh rosemary  
1 tsp grated fresh ginger  
3 to 4 cups vegetable broth  
Freshly ground black pepper

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, salt, and several grains of fresh pepper and sauté until soft, 5 to 8 minutes. Add the squash and cook until it begins to soften, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes.

Add the garlic, sage, rosemary, and ginger. Stir and cook 30 seconds to 1 minute, until fragrant, then add 3 cups of the broth. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook until the squash is tender, 20 to 30 minutes.

Let cool slightly and pour the soup into a blender, working in batches if necessary, and blend until smooth. If your soup is too thick, add up to 1 cup more broth and blend. Season to taste and serve with parsley or crusty bread.



Linda Seeley officially became a member of BLC on Sunday October 25 through

Affirmation of Baptism.

Linda has served as one of our accompanist since April, 2011.

Welcome Linda.

## November Worship Volunteers

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
<b>Usher</b>	Dave Baumgarten		Dave Baumgarten	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Julie Reese	Cindy Reeson	Shelley Sandry	Deb Piquette
<b>Reader</b>	Dave Baumgarten		Dave Baumgarten	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Becky Stauffer and Ruth Ehlert			

## Barneveld Lutheran Church November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 6 - 7:15pm Bridge & Confirmation Class	4	5	6
7 <b>All Saints</b> 9:00am Worship Sunday School Adult Study 10am	8 Pastor's day off Office closed	9 MKT out of office	10 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 6 - 7:15pm Bridge & Confirmation Class MKT out of office	11 MKT out of office	12 MKT out of office	13
14 9:00 am Worship Sunday School Adult Study 10am B/P checks	15 Pastor's Day Off	16 Pastor on Vacation	17 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 <b>NO Bridge &amp; Confirmation Class</b> Leaders meeting Pastor on Vacation	18 Pastor on Vacation	19 9:30—12noon Game Day Pastor on Vacation	20 Pastor on Vacation
21 Pastor Vacation 9:00am Worship Sunday School Adult Study 10 am Council mtg 10am	22 Pastor's Day Off	23	24 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30  6pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship @ BLC	25 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	26	27 Jo Ellen use kitchen for day
28 <b>Advent begins</b> 9:00am Worship Sunday School Adult Study 10am	29 Pastor's Day Off	30				

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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**

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):