

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!



BLC Annual Meeting Sunday, January 23rd after worship

All voting members are invited to come, see and hear about the ministry and business of our church. Please plan on attending and supporting our BLC mission. Two of our nominees for church council positions are Shelley Sandry and Otis Nelson

From the

Call Committee

The Call committee has met with Marie from the Synod office to learn more about the call process. She has been very helpful. We recently had a mock interview with a local pastor to learn how to ask better questions when we interview our candidates. We will be revising our interview questions while the Synod office is praying and preparing candidate(s) names to be given for interviewing after the new year. We are hoping for candidate names in January/early February.

Food Pantry Needs Staffing Volunteers

The Food Pantry needs volunteers to staff it each Wednesday morning and afternoon. **Hours to staff are:**

9:15 am to 12:00pm

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

You can take the am or pm shift or both. Bring a book to read, write letters or you are welcome to bring a laptop and do computer work in between clients. You can log in on our guest Wi-Fi. If enough people sign up perhaps, we can get a schedule set up where each person only has to staff the pantry once every few weeks.

The pantry is a mission outreach of Barneveld Lutheran. Your participation is needed. Also feel free to invite others from the community to volunteer.

5 shifts are vacant in January

January 5 9:15 am—12:00 pm
1:00—3:30 pm- Peggy Jones

January 12 9:15 am—12:00 : Elsie Jane Murphy
1:00—3:30 pm

January 19 9:15 am—12:00 pm
1:00—3:30 pm—Peggy Jones

January 26 9:15 am—12:00 pm
1:00– 3:30 pm

Pastor's Pen

The first day after the Twelve Days of Christmas (Jan. 6th) is always Epiphany. Christians in the Western Church, including Lutherans, emphasize the Magi and their encounter with the infant baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Christians in the Eastern Church celebrate Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan on this day. Both emphasize God's revelation in Christ, the Incarnate Word of God. The word *epiphany* means "manifestation" or "appearance" of God (*Theophany*, the Eastern Church's name for this festival day, also means an appearance by God).

The Magi (also known as Three Kings) were Gentiles from far beyond Judea, who experienced the good news of Jesus' birth. They followed the star to Bethlehem, and there saw God in the flesh! **"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage."** (Matthew 2:10-11a) Today, we can be like the Magi, people who pay attention to the signs pointing to God's Incarnate Word. For us, we don't need to travel as far as Bethlehem, we can encounter Jesus in the church sanctuary; in the proclamation of God's Word and through Holy Communion, we experience Jesus. But Jesus is beyond the walls of any church sanctuary as well! The wise men first looked for Jesus in Jerusalem, the Holy City, but they encountered him in Bethlehem, a small village. Most people wouldn't have expected to find a king in Bethlehem! King Herod certainly hadn't expected this...and

until the Magi can find Jesus and confirm he is there; he doesn't even bother to look for himself!

Where might we encounter Jesus outside of Sunday worship today? The short answer is: anywhere! We simply need to look for the signs. Not a star, rather anywhere new life is needed (or already taking root)! After Jesus was baptized by John, he began proclaiming God's Kingdom in word and deed. Everything Jesus did, promoted new life: healing physical ailments, casting out demons, forgiving sins, eating with outcasts, and last, but certainly not least! dying on the cross and rising again!

During the days leading up to Epiphany, and the days that follow, I invite you to pay close attention to signs of Jesus in your midst. Where will you encounter Christ? The Magi had a star to lead them, for you it might be a conversation at the grocery store, on the phone, or through a card in the mail? May you be **"overwhelmed with joy"** when you encounter Jesus in the ordinary and unexpected places and people in your life!

God's blessings on your Epiphany (and daily epiphanies)!

Pr. Erich

Fun fact: Many countries celebrate Three Kings Day (Epiphany) with various festivities. In Mexico, many people share *rosca de reyes* (Three Kings Cake). This cake is circular (like a crown) and decorated with candied fruit. A baby Jesus figurine is baked into the cake. Whoever gets the piece of cake with Jesus inside, is supposed to throw a party on February 2nd (this is the church festival day for *The Presentation of Our Lord*, the day when Mary and Joseph presented baby Jesus in the temple).



FREE

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

January 9

Get your B/P checked

Monthly Health Tip

From Ronda Bowe Health Ministry Liaison



A combination of exercise and sufficient vitamin D levels may reduce the risk of serious heart problems more than either one alone.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH from Ronda Bowe

Ham Chowder

- 1 1/2 lb. russet potatoes, peeled and diced into 1/2" cubes (about 3 medium-size potatoes)
- 20 ounce canned corn (drained), or frozen corn (thawed)
- 4 cups cubed ham steak, diced into 1/2" cubes
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 4 ribs celery, diced
- 4-5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 4 cups of chicken broth
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 Tbsp fresh minced parsley
- Extra parsley, pepper and cheese (for garnish)



1. To a 6 qt. slow cooker, add the first 8 ingredients. Stir, cover, and cook on LOW for 8-10 hours, until potatoes are tender.
2. In a small mixing bowl, whisk milk and cornstarch. Stir into soup in slow cooker, cover and cook it on HIGH 20-25 minutes until thickened; stirring occasionally. Turn off heat, stir in cheese, sour cream and parsley.
3. Serve sprinkled with extra cheese, black pepper, and parsley.

All are invited to join us for **GAME DAY** Friday, January 21st 9:30—12 noon Come enjoy playing dominos or cards followed by a light lunch.



Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser

With Silent Auction & Raffle

Proceeds will benefit Kyle and Karlee Thompson Family and the **Rescue Units that helped rescue Kyle.**

January 29th, 2022

Time: 4:30PM - 7:30PM

Barneveld Legion Hall

A link with all the details and where you can order tickets ahead of time and bid on Raffle items is on Facebook.

January Worship Volunteers

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Usher	Bob & Joan Johnson	Greg & Heidi Clerkin	Mike & Bette Vivian	Bob & Joan Johnson	Cheryl Watkins Penny Bahr
Accompanist	Linda Seeley	Karen Erickson	Linda Seeley	Karen Erickson	Karen Erickson
Assisting Minister	Julie Reese	Shelley Sandry	Peggy Jones	Cindy Reeson	Joni Cleary
Reader					
Altar Guild	Dawn Baumann & Pauline Dimpfl				

Volunteers for Readers are **NEEDED** - call the church office to sign up 608-924-8621

Barneveld Lutheran Church January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	3 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	4	5 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Leader Huddle	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School B/P Check	10 Pastor's Day Off	11	12 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School	17 Pastor's Day Off	18	19 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Game Day 9:30—12 noon	22
23 9:00 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School Annual Meeting 10:00 a.m. Council Meeting after Annual Meeting	24 Pastor's Day Off	25	26 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	27	28	29
30 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	31 Pastor's Day Off					

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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):