## Barneveld Lutheran

## February 2022

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!



Dear Barneveld Lutheran Family,

I would like to say THANK YOU for the wonderful retirement blessing at worship, brunch, and amazing gift. Thank you to everyone for the greetings, well wishes, cards and handmade cards from the Sunday school children (how cool is that!). It has been a blessing to serve this congregation for 29+ years and I cherish all the relationships I have enjoyed with you over these years. I am looking forward to the weekend in Door County in June. Again, a heartfelt THANK YOU.

Peace in Christ

Marcia Thompson



A big shout out to the Barneveld Middle School Students for their donation to the Food Pantry in the amount of \$2,213.75.

Thank You.....

# Update from the Call committee

We are moving forward with the interview process. The Synod has given names and profiles of two people. We have reviewed the profiles and believe that we should interview both to get a better understanding of who they are. A profile is like a very detailed resume.

Our 1st interviews will be done via zoom. The committee will be meeting soon to finalize our interview questions for each applicant based on their profiles. At the same time, we will be contacting the applicants to set up their zoom interview.

Based on those interviews, we will determine what our next steps will be. We are determined to find someone who is a good fit for the church, therefore, if we aren't sure that either of these two are a good match for BLC, we will ask for more names and profiles of people to interview.

## Pastor's Pen

What is your image of Christ? How do you picture Jesus? Is it Warner Sallman's Head of Christ? (The famous painting reprinted over 500 million times in its first 50 years!) You may have one of these prints somewhere in your home. Do you picture an actor's face? Like Willem Dafoe from The Last Temptation of Christ? Or Jim Caviezel from The Passion of the Christ? Do you envision a blond-haired, blue-eyed Jesus? Or does he have dark hair and dark eyes? With or without a beard? There are countless images of Jesus spanning millennia and from cultures around the world. If there is a common denominator among all the various images of Christ, it is that each aim to depict a Jesus to whom we can relate. And at the heart of a relatable Jesus, is a relatable God.

The last Sunday of this month is Transfiguration Sunday; the readings emphasize the fuller revelation of God. In Exodus 34, we hear how Moses' face shines with the glory of God after speaking with God and receiving the Ten Commandments. Through the Law, God's will is revealed; the people learn more about God's will to be in relationship with them. But Moses never see's God face to face! "And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen." (Exodus 33:21-23). On a mountaintop, Peter James and John are blessed to see Jesus' face change and his clothes change to a "dazzling white." They also see Moses and Elijah with him; all appearing in glory. After God

announces: "*This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!*" only one remains, Jesus. There can be no doubt, Jesus is God's Son!

Jesus is God's self-revelation to us. In Christ, we get to see God face to face, as a fellow human being! "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." (John 1:18) "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful

*word.*" (Hebrews 1:3). And yet, after his death and resurrection, Jesus is not so easily recognized by the way he looks (Mary thinks he's the gardener, the disciples on the road to Emmaus don't recognize him, and Thomas won't believe unless he sees Christ's scars as proof). Instead, Jesus is revealed through his words and actions (calling Mary by name, breaking bread with disciples headed to Emmaus, and appearing before Thomas with an invitation to touch his scars).

During this time after Epiphany, God becomes increasingly known through Jesus. As we prepare to move into Lent, we encounter a God who knows what it means to suffer with us. The question to ask is: Where is Jesus now? Perhaps you've encountered Jesus this past week and didn't even recognize him! Sometimes God incarnate doesn't look like our image of Jesus; yet Jesus speaks and acts in ways that bring us life and help us to recognize God's presence in our midst. Sometimes Jesus looks different than our image, yet we are pleasantly surprised by an unexpected encounter with the One whom we've come to know as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer! So, I ask again, what is your image of Christ?

God's blessings on your February,

Pr. Erich

#### FREE

Blood Pressure Checks are offered after

worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month

courtesy of the Health Ministry Team.

February 13th, 2022

Get your B/P checked

#### Monthly Health Tip

#### From Ronda Bowe Health Ministry Liaison

#### Shoveling Safely

Take it slow! pace yourself and take breaks.
Don't pick up to much snow at once. Use a smaller shovel, or fill the shovel part way if you use a large shovel.
Push the snow as you shovel, it is easier on your back.
Protect your back. Bend from the knees and lift with your legs bent. Stand with your feet about hip with the part for good balance and keep shovel close to your body.
Try not to twist. If you need to move snow to one side, move your feet to face the direction you are throwing the snow.
Listen to your body! stop if you feel tired or feel tightness in your chest

#### Recipe of the Month from Ronda Bowe

### Creamy Hot Cocoa

I/2 c. sugar
I/4 c. baking cocoa
Dash of salt
I/3 c. hot water
4 c. milk
3/4 tsp vanilla extract

## Directions:

In a saucepan, combine sugar, cocoa and salt. Add water; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Stir in milk.; heat to serving temperature (do not boil). Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Whisk until frothy. If desired garnish with marshmallows, cream or cinnamon sticks.

- want it extra rich? Add some half-and-half
- want it less sweet? Use a bittersweet/dark chocolate chips
- want it healthier? Use skim milk or almond milk, and reduce the sugar a touch
- White flavored hot chocolate? Add cinnamon peppermint extract, a shot of espresso, or a drizzle of caramel sauce





## February Worship Volunteers

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27		
Usher	Otis and Terry Nelson	George Ranney and Doug Carden	Carl Sandry and Alycia Hathaway	Henry and Patrick Roisterer		
Accompanist	Linda Seeley	Karen Erickson	Linda Seeley	Linda Seeley		
Assisting Minister	Deb Piquette	Jeff Ziegler	Becky Stauffer	Delores Swedlund		
Reader	Linda Seeley		Earlene Laudin	Julie Reese		
Altar Guild	Jo Ellen Uptegraw and Peggy Jones					

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	2 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	3	4	5		
6 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:40 a.m. Sunday School	7 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	8	9 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Monitored by Barneveld U.C.C. 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	10	11	12		
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:40 a.m. Sunday School B/P Check	14 Pastor's Day Off	15	16 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	17	18 Game Day 9:30—12 noon	19		
20 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:40 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Council Meeting Newsletter Deadline	21 Pastor's Day Off	22	23 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 6:00 p.m. Bridge & Confirmation Class	24	25	26		
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Service No Sunday School Class	28 Pastor's Day Off							

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January 26, 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):