

Barneveld Lutheran Church

Happy New Year

January 2023

We are called to be Christ's Light...in all things we are committed to seeking & following God's will.

Believe it! Live it! Come to it!



ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Please mark your calendars for January 22, 2023 for the Barneveld Lutheran Church Annual meeting. We will convene immediately following worship. Congregation members will hear about the last year of ministry as well as vote on council members, constitution updates and the spending budget. You can currently access the revised constitution at:

<https://www.barneveldlutheranchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/BLC-Constitution-Amendments-2022-FOR-CONGREGATION-REVIEW-1.pdf> Please plan on attending.

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GAME DAY

Friday, January 20, 2022
9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Cards, dominoes and light lunch!
Light Lunch will be provided by:
Peggy Jones

Family Faith Night

January 18th

5:30 Community Supper

6-6:40pm Family Focused Worship

6:40-7pm Christian Education

**Bring a friend! Come for supper!
Stay for worship!**



Please Comment!!!

There are more than 200 copies of the church newsletter being sent out each month. The newsletter is a great source of information for our church! With that being said, we would like to hear from you! If you wish to continue receiving a hardcopy newsletter in the mail, please contact the church office at: 608-924-8621. We are not eliminating hardcopy, just wanting to be efficient and cost effective!

Pastor's Pen



Happy New Year Dear Friends in Christ!

It was such a joy to celebrate Christmas with you! To be part of the Christmas program—watching the kids sing! And to be part of beautiful Christmas eve services! Can you still remember holding your candle and singing, “Silent Night?” or has the memory already faded.

Unfortunately, we aren’t allowed the luxury of lingering long on these wonderful memories. The new year is upon us. Because you see, the year may be coming to an end, but Christmas marks the exact opposite.



Christmas is just the beginning!

Jesus being born, coming to this world, being human—that was just the beginning. And as far as our life as church goes, Christmas is just the beginning of the good news!

2023 will continue to be a year of dreaming, visioning and rebuilding. I’m excited to be part of BLC’s Annual meeting this month and to continue to work with the elected leaders on the future of BLC.

What are your dreams for the church? What vision do you have for growing your faith in 2023?

How might you see Christmas as the beginning to deeper faith? I would love to hear your thoughts.

I am not much of a winter person. Cold is not my thing. I would much rather be on a beach with lots



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of sun. But one year, I heard a sermon about how winter is a time of renewal. It is a time where the earth rests and prepares for spring. Animals and plants (and people) go through a hibernation period in order for new life to appear in the spring. It is a necessary part of the

cycle of life.

It is a time of restoring, renewing and rebuilding.

Rebuilding and Reorganizing.

Are our values in line with current ministry teams? What is missing? What do we need to let go of in the new year? How do we connect better with each other? Those are just some of the questions on my mind. I hope you will dream big with me. I pray you will engage this year in new ways.

I pray that one of your new year’s resolutions is to grow your faith!

Much Gratitude,

Dear God,

Thank You for new beginnings.

What an incredible time this is with a fresh year’s potential stretched out before me. I want to be found faithful this year in each and every opportunity You bring me. Thank You, Lord, for new beginnings. I pray this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Youth & Family News



Our Journey to Bethlehem!



Christian Education at BLC

K-4th grade

**Bridge
(5-6th grade)**

**Confirmation
(7-8th grade)**

**Wednesday
Nights
6-7pm**

BLC Sweatshirts for sale!

There are a limited number of dark blue hoodies and crew BLC sweatshirts available for \$10. Stop in and grab them before they're gone!

Community Life



Barneveld Community Food Pantry

The Food Pantry needs volunteers to staff it each Wednesday

Hours to staff are:

1st Shift: 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2nd Shift: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

January 2023

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| January 4 | 9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. | Sharon Thousand Earlene Laudin |
| January 11 | 9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. | Barneveld U.C.C. Barneveld U.C.C. |
| January 18 | 9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. | Deb Piquette Elaine Gutzmer |
| January 25 | 9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. | Nancy Bilse Nancy Bilse |

Health Tip

**From Ronda Bowe,
Health Ministry Liaison**

Start your day with a healthy breakfast:

Many studies have linked eating breakfast to good health, including better memory and concentration, lower levels of "bad" LDL cholesterol, and lower chances of getting diabetes, heart disease, and being overweight.



If you love to have fun, laugh and learn new things, then come check out the **BLC Hand Bell Team!** Mondays at 6:30 pm, Check in with Julie Reese for more information!

Recipe of the Month from Ronda Bowe

Crustless Quiche

6 eggs
1 cup milk (or 1/2 cup milk and 1/2 cup half and half cream)
1 cup cheese grated— cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, or mozzarella
2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese (optional)
Salt & pepper to taste
1 cup *optional ingredients:
*cubed ham, crumbled bacon, chopped broccoli, chopped tomatoes, chopped spinach, chopped asparagus, cooked cubed potato.

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl whisk together the milk, eggs, cheese, salt and pepper.
3. Stir in 1 cup (total) additional ingredients of your choice.
4. Pour the egg mixture into a 9 inch pie pan, bake uncovered for about 45 minutes. Or until the center is set and not jiggly.

The possibilities are endless! Try different cheeses, add your favorite vegetables, use leftover chop meats. Remember it is a total of one cup of additions.
When it is done cooking: the center of the quiche should be set and not jiggly.

Sometimes I will use an 8 x 8 glass baking dish; if I'm doubling the recipe I use a 9 x 13 pan.

When it is done cooking: the center of the quiche should be set and not jiggly. The edges will be slightly golden brown.

Prayers Concerns

Congregation:

Kyle Thompson
Joann Rue
Marie Dimpfl
Barb Gentz
Randy Cox



Friends and Family:

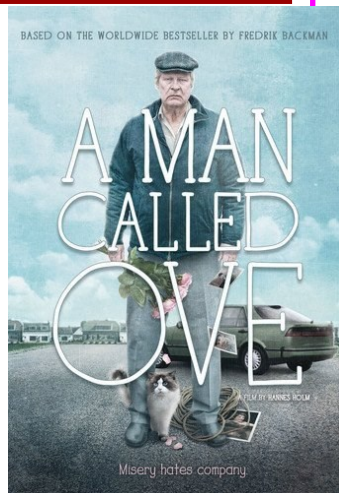
Liam Clinche
Linda Tucker
Pete Zenz
Betty Lou Gordon
Kari Kahl
Terri Schlinging
Karlene Tom
Carolyn Glover
Mike Owens

Friends and Family whom lost a loved ones:

Betty Cox
Jeff Jensen
Jim Rue
Jim Whitish
Nancy Gaffney

A Man Named Ove

Faith In Action is hosting a group Read event focused on the book, "A Man Named Ove," by Fredric Backman. We will meet January 17 to discuss and go see the new movie based on the book, starring Tom Hanks sometime in February. This book will make you laugh out loud as well as cry so hard. Join the fun! Sign up to receive a book. Any questions contact Peggy Jones (608) 574-6703.



THANK YOU!

To all of those that assist with worship, Food Pantry, Christian Education, and Family Faith Night. Thank you to those that help with funerals. Thank you to Shelly, Melanie, Dave, and others who did service for the Community Clothes Closet. Thank you to those who gave a hand in making the Christmas Program a success and to those who decorated the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve services. And the many other contributions that support our church....

THANK YOU!



Pastoral Care



Please contact the church office if you or a loved one would like to be placed on the prayer list or would like a pastoral visit. Contact

Pr. Rhia at 608-341- 5034
or through the church office.

Thank you!

Free Blood Pressure Checks
2nd Sunday of every other
month after worship



Church News



VACATION

Pastor Rhia will be on vacation following worship on 1/8/23 through Sunday, 1/15/23. She will be traveling to Florida to spend time with family. During her absence, Rev. Mark Williamson from Grace Lutheran in Dodgeville has agreed to be on call. You can reach him for emergency situations at: 608 574-4412. All other concerns can be addressed when Pr. Rhia returns. Thank you for this much needed time of rest!!!

Current BLC Council members

Melissa Lease (2024) - President; Technology Team Liaison

David Baumgarten (2023) - Vice President; Finance Team Liaison: up for re-election of 2nd term

Ronda Bowe (2023) - Health Team Liaison: up for re-election of 2nd term

Megan Mieden (2023) - Secretary; Worship Team Liaison: up for re-election of 2nd term

Otis Nelson (2024) - Property & Grounds Team Liaison

Shelly Sandry (2024) - Faith in Action Team Liaison

Michelle Ihm (2024) - G.I.F.T. Team Liaison



Stewardship

Giving of our time, our talents, our treasure



BLC Carolers

On December 10, 2022, BLC members went caroling to approximately 30 houses. The families enjoyed the visit and the carolers were filled with joy that they could brighten someone's day. It did help that it was followed by cookies and hot cocoa!



Our 30 second timeout paid off. We took the lead in November for the first time in months. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for your continued support—David Baumgarten, VP Church Council.

Giving Snapshot through November 2022

November Snapshot

Total Nov Revenue \$18,028.04

Total Nov Expense \$17,723.19

Nov Total: (\$304.85)

YTD Snapshot

YTD Revenue \$124,185.86

YTD Expenses \$181,806.10

YTD Deficit: (-\$57,315.39)



Giving has never been easier! Scan this QR code with your smart phone and give a one time offering to support Barneveld Lutheran Church. You can also sign up for automatic giving. Every gift is important and greatly appreciated! If we could enroll 25 people into automatic giving who are able to give just \$25 a month, it would make a huge impact. Thank you for your generosity!

January Serving Calendar



| | January 1 | January 8 | January 15 | January 22 | January 29 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Usher | Bob and Joan Johnson | Bob & Joan Johnson | Bob & Joan Johnson | Bob & Joan Johnson | Bob & Joan Johnson |
| Accompanist | Linda Seeley | Linda Seeley | Karen Erickson | Karen Erickson | Linda Seeley |
| Assisting Minister | Joni Cleary | Peggy Jones | Shelly Sandry | Dianne Roellke | Delores Swedlund |
| Altar Guild | Dawn Baumann and Pauline Dimpfl | | | | |

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

January Church Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1 9:00 am Worship Service | 2 Hand Bells 6:30 pm | 3 Jeff Jensen Funeral Service | 4 | 5 No GriefShare 10-12 pm | 6 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed | 7 |
| 8 9:00 am Worship Service BP Check | 9 Hand Bells 6:30 pm Pastor Rhia on Vacation | 10 Pastor Rhia on Vacation | 11 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Christian Education 6-7 pm Pastor Rhia on Vacation | 12 GriefShare 10-12 pm Pastor Rhia on Vacation | 13 Pastor Rhia on Vacation Office Closed | 14 Pastor Rhia on Vacation |
| 15 9:00 am Worship Service Pastor Rhia on Vacation 10:00 am Council | 16 Hand Bells 6:30 pm | 17 | 18 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Family Faith Night 5:30-7pm | 19 GriefShare 10-12 pm | 20 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed Game Day | 21 Betty Cox Memorial Service |
| 22 9:00 am Worship Service Annual Meeting | 23 Hand Bells 6:30 pm | 24 | 25 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Christian Education 6-7 pm | 26 | 27 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 9:00 am Worship Service | 30 Hand Bells 6:30 pm | 31 | | | | |

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Spectacular, Spectacular!!!



"A Night in Bethlehem"



Evelyn Bergman's Baptism



Pointsettias/Gifts Given for Christmas 2022

In memory of Jo Heraly

By Sandry Family

In memory of Harvey & Lenice Doescher and Jack & Alpha Johnson

By Doug & Judy Johnson

In memory of Gordon Dimpfl

By Pauline Dimpfl

In memory of Glenn & Doris Anne Reese, Grandma & Grandpa Reese,
Grandma & Grandpa Nodolf, and Uncle Clinton Reese

By Julie Reese

In memory of Wyatt Hamlin

By Otis & Terry Nelson

In memory of Leif Shea

By His grandparents

In memory of Carden & Juras Families

By Doug & Nancy Carden

In memory of Leonard & Brad Nelson and Alice Uptegraw

By Roger & Jo Ellen Uptegraw

In memory of DeLila Rickey

By Rickey Family

In memory of Allen Kuehne

By Doris Kuehne

In memory of Family Members taken too soon

By Dan & Ronda Bowe

In memory of Sharon Murray

By Melissa Gervasi

In memory of Freddy, Tammy, Patty Nechkash, Verna Hackbart, and Annette Ziegler

By The Ziegler's

In memory of Dan & Mae Piquette

By Deb Piquette

In memory of Leonard & Millie Swedlund and Victor & Irene Valstad

By Paul & Delores Swedlund

In memory of Jesse Escobar

By Tom & Earlene Laudin

In memory of Joe, Gladys, & Mary Schulenberg

By Agnes Schulenberg

In memory of The Pollock's and Pagel's

By Angie & Leland Pollock

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Time Dated Material:

December 29, 2022



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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.

barneveldlutheran505@gmail.com

Pastor Rhia Strohm

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Cell: 608-341-5034

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/>