

Barneveld Lutheran Church

March 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!

Join us this Lent, for Journey to the Cross.



Rescheduled

March 1st

6:00 pm

Communion &

Imposition of Ashes

Soup Supper 5:00-6:00 pm

The Living Last Supper

The Living Last Supper will be part of our Maundy Thursday worship on April 6th. It will be a re-enactment of Jesus' last supper with the disciples. Pr. Rhia is looking for 7 more guys to play the disciples. There is no memorization involved. Each character has a piece they will read at the lectern. This is a great opportunity for some of our fathers and sons to engage their faith together. It is a powerful experience! Please let the office or Pr. Rhia know if you are interested.

Journey to the Cross



Throughout this 40 days, we will be on a journey through Lent together. I pray it will be a time that might grow your faith, deepen your relationships and feel God's presence in your life.

Sunday worships will follow Jesus as he journeys to Jerusalem. Along the way he will encounter different kinds of people, men, & women—doubters, outsiders, ill and disabled folks—all different kinds. And the encounter with Jesus will change their lives forever—We will learn the same is true for our lives.

Wednesday Lenten services will walk us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. As if we were observing from a far, we will witness the last supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the unjust trial, and the torture and humiliation of Jesus. It is the story of our salvation. And it is the 24 hours that changed the world.

Who plays the trumpet?

We are looking for a few people who would be willing to play the trumpet at our 9am Easter service as we sing Jesus Christ is Risen Today! This could be band kids, folks from the community band or people who just like playing the trumpet! Contact the office or Pr. Rhia.



Thinking Spring

Easter Plants are available.

Please help beautify the Sanctuary for Easter.

Choose from various types.

T-Shirts Are In!

There are t-shirts for K-8 kids involved in Christian Education. Each group chose a name and a color. The hope is that the kids will wear their shirts on Wednesdays to help promote Wednesday School! The shirts are free but we would be grateful for any donation! Teachers will be handing them out this week.

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Orders must be in to the Office by March 9th along with payment.

Reminder:

Soup Supper

Every Wednesday during Lent
5-6 pm

All Are Welcome

Worship following at 6:00 pm

A time to enjoy fellowship and friendship!

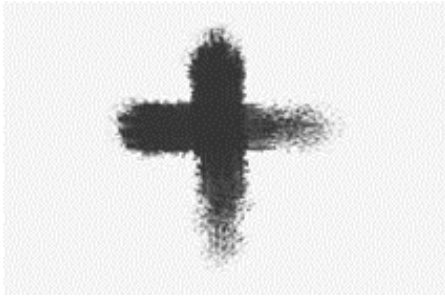


Thank you to those of you who have already signed up to contribute towards the Lent Soup Suppers.

Please consider donating:

- Soup
- Bars or cookies
- Chocolate/White milk
- \$\$\$ for Cheese, Crackers and Bread.

Pastor's Pen



Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Welcome to the season of Lent, dear friends. It is my favorite season of the church. Lent is a time where we come to God with honest and intentional hearts. Not that we don't or can't do that normally, but Lent beckons us at a deeper level.

I think it all starts by that black, ashen cross smeared on our foreheads: a reminder that we are mortal. One day we will die. Like a punch to the gut, it reminds us that our time here is finite and our control is limited.

But then, out of the ashes, we see the shape of the cross. The cross that represents God's great love for us. The cross reminds us that Jesus knows what it's like to be human and died for our sins.

It is such a contradiction that in ancient times the cross was a symbol of torture. It was the Roman government's favorite way of execution—a long and painful and public display, affirming their oppressive rule. But Jesus changed that. As Christians, when we look at the cross, we see love. We feel hope. We know we aren't alone in our pain and suffering. To us the cross does not mean death. The cross to Christians is a sign of life.

We have rescheduled our Ash Wednesday service to Wednesday March 1st. I think it's that important. It's important to have that cross smeared upon our fore-

heads once again. So I pray you will be able to participate in worship this Wednesday and every Wednesday in Lent as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

Lent typically brings conversations about giving up something—this idea of “fasting” during the 40 days of lent. It is in remembering Jesus' 40 days and nights in the wilderness where he was tempted and he fasted.

The text for Ash Wednesday from Matthew 4, begins like this: Jesus said to the disciples, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

It is strange that Jesus tells us not to “showboat” our “piety” or faith, on a day where we mark ourselves with a black cross in the middle of our foreheads??? It seems contrary?

I think Jesus is talking more about our intentions. Why are we doing what we are doing? Spiritual practices are great when used to grow our faith—to develop deeper connection with God. But spiritual practices are empty if they are only for show.

I challenge you to make this Lent **intentional**. Use these 5 weeks to connect with God in new ways.

Here are some simple ideas:

- 10-15 mins a day reading Scripture: use the Lenten Reading plan

- Change your radio station to Christian music in the car

- Pray before your meals no matter where you are

- Journal your thoughts, prayers—write to God

- Pray for others

- Talk to God on a walk, sewing, cooking

There are many other ideas. All you need is 10-15 minutes a day spent intentionally with God. Let me know what your Lenten intentions are! I would love to know how you are growing your faith during this holy season!

Blessings on this journey!

Pastor Rhia

Youth & Family News



Christian Education Updates

Just a couple reminders for families with kids in Christian Education.

No structured class meetings will be held during Lent. However, we strongly encourage you to use this time to attend supper and church with your family.

Kids K-6 will have a brief activity available for them following Wednesday worship.

Confirmation kids will meet with their mentors following Wednesday worship from 6:45-7pm.

"A Man Called Otto" Movie

Has been **postponed** to a later date.

Date is to be determined!!



Thrivent Action Teams!

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If you have IRA's, life insurance or any kind of product with them then YOU are eligible to receive at least 1, and maybe 2, action team grants of \$250 that can be used for community service! These grants have been used here at church for our Wednesday community suppers and the quilters to name a few! It costs you nothing and it is a great resource for our church. Please stop in and talk to Pastor Rhia if you can help or have questions!



Vacation Bible School

Looking for a few parents that would be interested in being a part of a planning crew for this year's Vacation Bible School! This will be our first year holding VBS in a while. Let's make it a great event for our community!

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 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

February 2023

March 1	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Denise Hummel Earlene Laudin
March 8	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Barneveld U.C.C. Barneveld U.C.C.
March 15	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Peggy Jones
March 22	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Nancy Bilse Nancy Bilse
March 29	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Deb Piquette

GAME DAY

Friday, March 17th, 2023

9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Cards, dominoes and light lunch!

An Irish Dinner will be provided:

Mary Ojibway
Elsie Jane Murphy



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!



Eliza Gordon and Jalen Kittleson, presented Pastor Rhia with a check.
Thank you Barneveld Middle School for your contribution to the Food Pantry by raising \$1,560.80 at your annual carnival!
Way to go Kids!!



Personal Care Kits

As part of our Lenten journey as a family of faith, we will be partnering with Lutheran World relief to assemble personal care kits. During the 5 weeks of Lent, we will be gathering personal care items that we will assemble into kits at Easter. Service is a great way to strengthen our faith and spread the light of Christ.

Each kit will need:

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 Adult size toothbrush still in packaging
- 1 Sturdy comb removed from packaging
- 1 metal nail clipper removed from packaging



Donations can be dropped off at the church. Watch for more info to come regarding assemble of these kits!

Prayers Concerns

Congregation:

Tom Arneson
Ron and Dottie Tallman
Kyle Thompson
Joann Rue
Marie Dimpfl
Barb Gentz
Randy Cox



Friends and Family:

Marilyn Kalhagen
Hilda Oimeon
Jim Reger
Gina Cox
Liam Clinche
Linda Tucker
Pete Zenz
Kari Kahl
Terri Schlinggen
Mike Owens

THANK YOU!

To all of those that assist with worship, Food Pantry, Christian Education, and Family Faith Nite. Thank you to those that help with funerals. Thank you to those who prepare the light lunch for Game Day. And to 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!

BLC Hooded Sweatshirt for sale!

\$10.00

Stop in and grab it before it's gone!

Recipe of the Month from Ronda Bowe

Cabbage Soup

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large yellow onion, diced
2 cups diced carrots
2 cups diced celery
1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/2 medium to large head of green cabbage, chopped
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, plus more for garnish
1 (15 ounce) can great Northern beans, rinsed, and drained
1 (15 ounce) can diced tomatoes
2 cups low sodium vegetable broth
1 cup water
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon thyme
1 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes

In a large pan, add the olive oil, onion, celery, and carrots. Stir every couple minutes until the vegetables soften and the onions begin to become translucent, about 5 minutes. Then stir in the minced garlic and cook for one minute.

Add the cabbage, parsley, beans, tomatoes, vegetable broth, water, chili powder, thyme, sea salt, black pepper, and red pepper - stir well. Cook on medium heat until cabbage is softened, stirring occasionally.

When serving, garnish with fresh parsley and fresh lemon wedges, if desired.

**From Ronda Bowe,
Health Ministry Liaison**

Health Tip

Physical fitness in middle age is tied to a lower risk of later-life depression and death from cardiovascular disease.

Stay active!



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

Lent Reading Plan

Ash Wednesday: Matthew 4

Feb 23: Matthew 5: 1-26

Feb 24: Matthew 5: 27-48

Feb 25: Matthew 6

Feb 27: Matthew 7

Feb 28: Matthew 8

March 1: Matthew 9

March 2: Matthew 10

March 3: Matthew 11

March 4: Matthew 12: 1-21

March 6: Matthew 12: 22-50

March 7: Matthew 13: 1-35

March 8: Matthew 13: 36-58

March 9: Matthew 14

March 10: Matthew 15

March 11: Matthew 16

March 13: Matthew 17

March 14: Matthew 18

March 15: Matthew 19

March 16: Matthew 20

March 17: Matthew 21: 1-22

March 18: Matthew 21: 23-46

March 20: Matthew 22: 1-22

March 21: Matthew 22: 23-46

March 22: Matthew 23: 1-36

March 23: Matthew 23: 37-39; 24: 1-2

March 24: Matthew 24: 3-28

March 25: Matthew 24: 29-44

March 27: Matthew 24: 45-51

March 28: Matthew 25: 1-13

March 29: Matthew 25: 14-30

March 30: Matthew 25: 31-46

March 31: Matthew 26: 1-13

April 1: Matthew 26: 14-30

April 2: Palm Sunday/Holy Week

April 3: Matthew 26: 31-56

April 4: Matthew 26: 57-75

April 5: Matthew 27: 1-23

April 6: Matthew 27: 24-44

Good Friday: Matthew 27: 45-66

April 8: Matthew 28

Easter: Mark 16: 1-8; Luke 24: 1-12
John 20: 1-18

Church News

How can I be an Usher or help with Communion?

Each month we have a volunteer that is scheduled for ushering. This does not mean that person must usher each month. The coordinator is responsible to find people to usher for that month. The thought is that we all know different people and that this type of scheduling might allow for more people to be involved. The ushers serve as greeters, light the candles, hand out bulletins, count the number in attendance and collect the offering. If you are interested in volunteering for a month or even a Sunday, please contact the church office.

Altar guild is also assigned a specific month. This team is responsible for preparing communion for worship as well as changing the church paraments (the colored cloths on the altar, lectern, pulpit and baptismal font). They also serve as communion servers during the worship service. It is quite simple and can be easily learned. If you have questions or are interested in being part of altar guild, please contact the church office.

Quilters

**Come ENGAGE in the Joy and Community of
assembly & Tying of Mission Quilts
For Lutheran World Relief**



Where and When?

**BLC
March 6th
from
8:30-11:30 am**

**No experience needed
Come when you can
All Are Welcome!**


Staffing Update

We are sorry to report that after 12 years of service as one of our BLC accompanist, Linda Seeley has decided to resign her position. We are very grateful to her for offering her musical talents with us for so many years and we wish her the best in her future plans. Linda's last Sunday with us will be March 5th. Please plan on staying after worship for a time of fellowship and cake and the opportunity to say thank you and best wishes!

Considering becoming a member of BLC? Still have questions? Ready to take the plunge?

Plans are being made for a BLC new member orientation. Engagement is always a higher priority than membership—and you are welcome to participate in all ministries/worship experience regardless of membership status. Membership might mean that you are looking for a deeper connection and commitment. Regardless of status, you are welcome here! But if it is on your heart to take the next step, give Pr. Rhia a call and learn more about new member orientation.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER are coming!

 We are looking for anyone willing to share their talents with special music during this holy time!

We don't need professionals! Just open hearts and love for Jesus!

You can sing, play an instrument, set up a duet or whatever creative idea you have!

It would be really great if we could have a few kids play the trumpet on Easter morning!

Contact the office or Pr. Rhia.



Stewardship

Giving of our time, our talents, our treasure



LEAD Training

Every year, the South Central Synod of Wisconsin hosts an event called, LEAD (learn, engage, act & dream). It is a chance for leaders across the synod to gather together for fellowship, education and mutual support. This year the conference was held in at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton, Saturday, February 11. In addition to worship and an inspiring key note speaker, attendees were allowed to choose different workshops to attend. BLC was able to send three people this year.



BLC Ladies: Nancy Bilse, Nancy Carden, Peggy Jones, Becky Stauffer, and Peggy Bilse are busy assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



Key Note Speaker

Rev. Sara A. Cutter

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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!

March Serving Calendar



	March 1	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Usher	Lee Family and Levi Schmid	Lee Family	Lee Family	Lee Family	Lee Family
Accompanist	N/A	Linda Seeley	Karen Erickson	Karen Erickson	Karen Erickson
Assisting Minister	N/A	Joni Cleary	Jeff Ziegler	Delores Swedlund	Peggy Jones
Altar Guild	Krista and Marcia Thompson				

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

March Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 ASH WEDNESDAY Supper 5:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting 6:45-7pm Special Council Meeting	2	3 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	4
5 9:00 am Worship Service	6 Quilters meet 8:30-11:30 am Hand Bells 6:30 pm	7	8 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Soup Supper 5:00 pm Lenten Worship 6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting 6:45-7pm	9	10 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	11
12 9:00 am Worship Service BP Check	13 Hand Bells 6:30 pm	14	15 Food Pantry 9:30—3:30 Soup Supper 5:00 pm Lenten Worship 6:00 pm Confirmation Meeting 6:45-7pm	16	17 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed Game Day St. Patricks Day	18
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We Welcome:
Hunter Matthew Reynolds



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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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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/>