

Barneveld Lutheran Church



May 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!

8th grade confirmation students presented their Faith Statement/Projects on April 26th to the 7th graders, their parents and mentors. We are so proud of all they have accomplished these last 2 years of their faith journey.

Thank you as well to the confirmation leaders this year: Jeff Reese, Gregg Guenther and Shelly Sandry. They have been a gift to our confirmation program. Thank you also to the parents for bringing your kids to class and supporting their faith journey.

But the journey doesn't end here!



Please keep our 8 Confirmands in your prayers as they prepare to Reaffirm their Baptism on May 7th.

Nolan Baryenbruch
Henry DeRosier
Eliza Gordon
Chelsea Manteufel

Nora Burris
Leaha Doescher
Jalen Kittleson
Levi Schmid



**Congratulations to our
First Communion students**

Nora Eveland
Gannon Murphy
Clayton Shemak

Jozie Koerwitz
Logan Oyen
Milo Shemak

on another milestone of your life.

Class of 2023

To help celebrate this milestone, during the month of May, we will have cards out in the lobby for you to write messages of **Blessing & Wisdom** for our graduates. These will be compiled and sent to the graduates at the end of the month!

*Please keep the Barneveld Graduation
Students in your prayers...*

Kaitlynn Baumgartner

Ashland Carden

Reece Doescher

Eve Eno

Alyana Forbes

Noah Guenther

Ryan Gust

Evan Hathaway

Ellie Ihm

Makenzie White

ALL ARE WELCOME!

May 17th, 2023

5:30 Community Supper

6:00 Worship

Family Faith Nite

FFN will continue during the summer months, the third Wednesday of the month.

As the weather gets warmer, we will move worship outside for June and July.

Each month will include supper and a family friendly activity. August will be moved to **Thursday**, August 17th which will be our Vacation Bible School program!

If you would like to help with FFN whether it be with singing, sponsoring or preparing food, tech or assisting in worship, please let Pr. Rhia know or just give a call to the church office!



**Faith Friends Coffee Fellowship
May 1st @ 9:00**

Pastor's Pen



May 2023

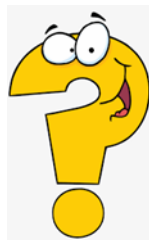
This month I am celebrating and giving God thanks for one year as your pastor at BLC! Days are long but weeks go fast! It has been a joy and an honor to walk with you through transitions, challenges and joys and lots of life “stuff.”



Just like the springtime flowers, I sense that our faith community is on the verge of blooming! 😊 You have heard me talk about our council and the reorganizing of ministry teams. There is a new energy in coming together to do the work of Jesus! This is exciting stuff!

I have committed to attending all of the ministry team's monthly meetings for the first couple months, to help cast vision and lend support. This is where you come in 😊

If a stranger approached you and asked, **“Why do you attend Barneveld Lutheran Church?”** or “What purpose does Barneveld Lutheran Church serve?” What would your reply be?



Our council and every ministry team has gone through this exercise and there have been many different answers. Yes, there is a mission statement for BLC—do you know it without looking it up? Are those words what your heart would say to that stranger?

What would your answer be? I believe

that in order for our ministries to grow, we all must be on the same page as far as why we are here. What is our mission here?

It certainly is about connecting with a community and feeling welcome. I am going out on a limb here and say that every one of you, **EVERY ONE**--100%, are connected to BLC because it helps your life. And that is a great thing! We find friends and a faith family. We are reminded that we are welcome and loved. We help pass on that same feeling to others.

But I think if we dig down to the center of it all, we must remember:

BLC exists because of Jesus Christ. Jesus is what draws us together—Jesus is at the center of it all. Jesus holds the power to make our lives better. So if a stranger came up and asked me, “Why is BLC here?” My response would be, “To change lives in the name of Jesus Christ.” I think it's just that simple and it is just that important.



Jesus is at the center of everything that we do. That goes for worship, teaching, pot-lucks, food pantry, outreach, newsletters, quilting... etc..... everything we do!

So as spring brings about all kinds of changes, transitions and new life, I challenge you to see the ministries of BLC in a new light. The light of clear purpose. A light of renewed focus. Let's do this together!

Changing lives in the name of Jesus!

Springtime Blessings!

Pr. Rhia

We are still looking for a few more people to participate in ministry teams! There is a spot for you. Take a look on page 6 for a listing of all the teams!

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.

May 2023

May 3	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Denise Hummel
May 10	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Barneveld U.C.C. Barneveld U.C.C.
May 17	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Nancy Bilse Nancy Bilse
May 24	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	
May 31	9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	

The **Barneveld Area Food pantry** is pleased to announce
that we officially have a **Food Pantry Team**.

We met April 17th, with a guest speaker from NHN Food Pantry in Mt. Horeb. We will be implementing some new practices as we move forward.

We are seeking additional volunteers to help staff the pantry and would like to work in teams of 2 (persons) to staff each open shift. If you would like to volunteer let the office know and additionally our team members will be recruiting as well. Please consider saying YES if you are asked.

We are seeking donations of:

#4 bags of sugar
48 oz. bottles of canola or vegetable oil
Laundry soap

We go through 35-45 of these each per month.

Donations can be dropped off at BLC.



Rocky Railway is coming to town!

Mark your calendars now!

Vacation Bible School August 14-17, 2024

Volunteers of all ages are needed!

**Last Day for Christian Education
is**

**May 3rd
Pizza and Ice Cream Party**

2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering:

June 16-20, 2024

Over 30,000 Lutheran kids from all over the country will gather together in New Orleans to learn about faith, participate in service projects within the community, make new friends and experience great speakers and bands all in the name of Jesus! Kids need to be entering into 9th grade during the fall of 2024 to attend. Adult "Shepherds" are needed!

Keep watch more coming soon!



**Kids K-8 make
sure and pick up
your BLC T-shirts
and wear them on
Wednesday nights!**

Remember the special “moms” of your life on this Mother’s Day.

Dear Lord,

We pray for all mothers: our mothers, soccer moms, pet moms, those who cared for us as mothers, den moms, work moms, moms by marriage, tired moms, step moms, empty nester moms, adopted moms and moms who are no longer with us. Moms by choice and moms who didn’t have a choice. Thank you for their unconditional love. Thank you for their sacrifices for others. Thank you for the wisdom and advice that has been passed down through them. Help us to model every good gift they have given us. Bless these special women now and forever...

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Create Your Own Mother’s Day Bouquet

May 13, 2023
Lee Barn
\$20 per bouquet
9am



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, who assembled the Personal Care Kits. 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!

Personal Care kits

Hey Church! You gathered enough essentials during Lent to assemble 55 Personal Care Kits!! These kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief this month and then distributed all over the world.

We will keep you posted where they end up!

Good job!

Prayers Concerns

Congregation:

George Ranney
Kyle Thompson
Joann Rue
Marie Dimpfl
Barb Gentz
Randy Cox



Friends and Family:

Frank Campbell
Kari Wilson
Mike K.
Lisa Stenner
Marilyn Kalhagen
Jim Reger
Gina Cox
Liam Clinche
Linda Tucker
Pete Zenz
Kari Kahl
Terri Schlimgen
Mike Owens

Lawn Coordinators are needed!

For the months of June, July, and August.



If interested, in becoming a Lawn Coordinator or helping mow and/or trim in the month of May contact Otis Nelson at 608-574-0239.



Bring your covered coffee mug and enjoy Coffee and Jesus

Sunday May 7th
9:00 am

Sponsored by your Stewardship Team



Community Life



New Welcome Cards
are now in the pews!
This can be used for visitors or to request connection!
Drop it in the offering plate or hand it to Pr. Rhia.

GAME DAY

Friday, May 19, 2023
9:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Cards, dominoes and light lunch!

Light lunch will be provided by:

*Pauline Dimpfl
Judy Johnson*

Thank You...

To all of those who participated in the
Cleaning
of the Church inside
and outside.
It looks Awesome!!!



Friendship Pads are back!

Located in each pew, please make sure and sign while at worship. This helps us know each other's names better and keep accurate records!

Faith In Action Team

Are in search of a tent type canopy that we can borrow to serve as shade for the "Party In Our Pines" event which will be held on June 30th. We would like it to provide shade for approximately 50 people.

Does anyone have something we could use?

Please contact Peggy Jones at 608-574-6703, or Jo Ellen Uptegraw at 608-220-6475.

Thanks.



The **Synod Assembly** happens every year.

This year it is Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church – Mt. Horeb, WI.

*It's a time to celebrate and give thanks
for our partnership in Christ's mission.*

Attending from BLC will be Pastor Rhia, David Baumgarten, and Marcia Thompson.

Please keep the Synod Assembly in your prayers.



Thank You...

Shelly Lee for decorating the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.
It was beautiful!



Save the Date!

Friday June 30th

PARTY IN THE PINES

Enjoy Cocktails, Dinner,
and

Fellowship right on the church grounds!

Free Blood Pressure Check



May 14th
after Worship!
Thank you Care Team!

Church News

Changing lives in the name of Jesus Christ!

Your elected leaders have been working really hard to come up with a new structure for how we do ministry. Our hope is to bring new meaning and understanding to all that we do! The council has extended many invitations for people to get involved in new and existing ministry teams. Going forward, these teams will give a brief introduction during an upcoming worship as well as being highlighted in the monthly newsletter. **There is room for you!** Just reach out to a council member or contact the church office.

Stewardship (previously GIFT)

Otis Nelson—Council Liaison
Marcia Thompson
Marcia Roum Brue
Diane Schlimgen
Ken Hummel

Education (new)

Megan Mieden-Council Liaison
Ronda Bowe—Council Liaison
Alycia Hathaway
Kailey Langdon
Amber DeRosier
Jeff Reese

Worship

Dave Baumgarten—Council Liaison
Joann Manteufel
Karen Erickson
Julie Reese
Becky Stauffer
Joni Cleary

Faith In Action

Missy Lease—Council Liaison
Peggy Jones
Shelly Lee
JoEllen Uptegraw
Cindy Reeson

Technology

Missy Lease—Council Liaison
Gregg Guenther
***looking to add 3 more people here

Youth & Family (new)

Shelly Sandry—Council Liaison
Jessica Doescher
Jeff Ziegler
Sateash Kittleson
Joyce Baumgarten

Care (previously Health)

Michelle Ihm—Council Liaison
Terry Nelson
Earlene Laudin
Amanda Worrall
Cheryl Watkins
Peggy Bilse

Moyamoya Awareness Day

In honor of Moyamoya Awareness Day on May 6, I'd like to share the story of my son, Dustin, who has been on and off the BLC prayer list. This is Dustin in August of 2021 right before the first of his four brain surgeries. (Spoiler alert: gruesome picture coming later.) He's trying to be brave, but mostly he's terrified.

A year or two before he came to the hospital, he started to have some vision problems. We all know the drill — start with one doctor, get referred to another, get some tests, get referred to more doctors. Months later, he finally got admitted to the hospital. The waiting was hard.

The good news? His optic nerve is great. He'll probably never have glaucoma, which was one of the things they first suspected.

Puffs of Smoke

The bad news? He has something called, [moyamoya disease](#), which none of us had ever heard of. "Moyamoya" literally means, "puff of smoke" in Japanese, which is where the disease was discovered in the late 1950s.

What happens is the carotid arteries in the brain start to narrow, and in some cases, completely shut down. To compensate for that, your brain is smart and sends out these extra little vessels (which look like puffs of smoke) to get more oxygen. However, this is not sustainable, and surgery is one of the only options. Without surgery, a person who has MMD has a high risk of dying from a stroke.

Dustin was lucky in that he never had any full-scale strokes, but he did have several small strokes or TIAs — transient ischemic attacks. Even after, he continues to have TIAs and small seizures.

Risks

There is no known cause for moyamoya disease, but Dustin didn't fit in any of the high-risk groups, which include Asian heritage, family history of moyamoya disease, medical conditions (such as neurofibromatosis, sickle cell disease and Down syndrome among many others), gender (females more than males), and age (children younger than 15 years old are most commonly affected).



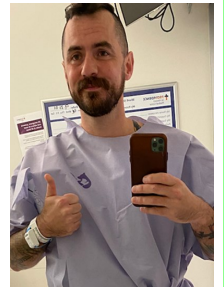
Dustin's Prognosis

While Dustin's surgeries were initially successful, he's had to have two additional surgeries on the right side of his brain and likely will need more. Since there is still so much researchers don't know about moyamoya, we're learning as we go. It's not uncommon for people to have multiple brain surgeries over the course of their lives. With surgery, moyamoya "warriors," as they're called, are able to have a normal lifespan... but at the same time, are at increased risks for strokes.

Thanks!

We appreciate all of your prayers and your ongoing concern.

Jennifer Bronsden



Stewardship

Giving of our time, our talents, our treasure



March Financial Snapshot

Comparing MTD, YTD and Prior YTD Information

INCOME

March 2023

\$14,298.66

2023 YTD

\$46,458.61

March 2022

\$12,921.60

2022 PYTD

\$43,151.08

Helping Hands Ministry

Are you aware that BLC has a ministry fund set aside for people who need a helping hand?

Because of your generous gifts, we have given away \$950 just this year!

Sometimes that is for gas cards, or groceries and sometimes, it helps pay medical or utility bills.

Sometimes a helping hand is all it takes to change someone's life!

EXPENSE

March 2023

\$18,128.60

2023 YTD

\$55,400.49

March 2022

\$15,416.02

2022 PTYD

\$49,764.20

Checking Account Balance as of March 31st : \$24,493.41

You are making a difference in someone's life and someone's faith!
Your giving makes all BLC's ministries possible and helps us change lives through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Worship, music, home communion, Wednesday School, Confirmation, Baptism, Baptismal quilts, Helping Hands, Wednesday night meals, Bibles, Griefshare, Christ in Our Home, bulletins, online streaming, newsletters and much more!

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

Thank you for your generosity!



May Serving Calendar



	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Usher	Jo Ellen Uptegraw & Peggy Jones	Jo Ellen Uptegraw & Peggy Jones	Jo Ellen Uptegraw & Peggy Jones	Jo Ellen Uptegraw & Peggy Jones
Accompanist	Karen Erickson	Karen Erickson	Karen Erickson	
Assisting Minister	Joni Cleary	Jeff Ziegler	Julie Reese	Shelly Sandry
Altar Guild	Melanie Norton and Shelly Lee			

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

May Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Faith Friends Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 am Hand Bells 6:30 pm Youth & Family 5:00 pm	2 Worship Meeting 5:30 pm	3 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 Last Christian Education Class Confirmation Rhearsal Pizza and Ice Cream Party	4	5 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	6
7 9:00 am Worship Service Confirmation	8 Hand Bells 6:30 pm	9	10 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	11	12 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	13 Build your own Mother's Day Bouquet Lee Barn 9:00 am
14 9:00 am Worship Service Free Blood Pressure Check Pr. Rhia on Vacation Mother's Day	15 Hand Bells 6:30 pm Care Team Meeting 6:00 pm	16	17 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30 Family Faith Nite 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Worship Council Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed Game Day	20 Synod Assembly 9:15-4:00 pm
21 9:00 am Worship Service 4H Club 4:30-5:30 pm Pr. Rhia on Vacation	22 Hand Bells 6:30 pm	23	24 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30	25	26 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	27
28 9:00 am Worship Service	29 Hand Bells 6:30 pm	30	31 Food Pantry 9:30-3:30			

#BeingBLC

Living Last Supper



Faith Friends



Assembling of Personal Care Kits

Barneveld Lutheran Church
 505 Swiss Lane
 Barneveld, WI 53507

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time Dated Material:

April 28, 2023



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.

barneveldlutheran505@gmail.com

Pastor Rhia Strohm

Email: rstrohm61@gmail.com

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/>