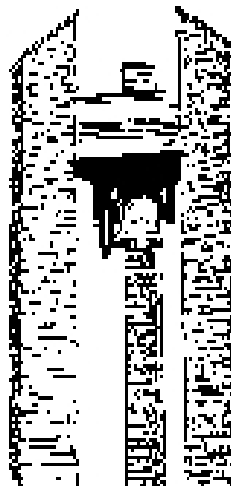


2011

# Barneveld Lutheran Church



Annual Report

of the

Congregation



**South-Central Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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Congregational Annual Meeting Letter

December 2011

This greeting comes to you with gratitude for the Gospel partnership we share in this Church, for your ministry in the name of Jesus (ministries within and beyond your own congregation) and with gratitude for the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. I begin by saying "thank you!"

Now then, perhaps one of the Pentecost stories would be a good Annual Meeting story. You can read a couple of them – one is in the 20th chapter of John's Gospel (John 20:19-31) and another in the 2nd chapter of the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1-8, 11b-17).

Jesus was nowhere to be found – or so it seemed. The believers (what were they believing or not believing on that strange day?) were nowhere to be found either. They were burrowed into what they hoped would be a safe shelter... hidden away. All we can do is guess what any of them might have been contemplating. It would be interesting to imagine their conversation. Can you even speculate what plans they may have been considering?

The Pentecost story races past the fine points and details of what was going on in that room. We don't get to know if they were having a business meeting, developing a plan or if they were assessing their resources. Were there voices of encouragement to be heard or was it a cranky, crab-fest?

Whatever was happening in that shelter changed radically, dramatically, spectacularly the moment the Holy Spirit took over.

I hope for that sweeping spirit among you as you gather in your room for your congregation's annual meeting. I will be praying for that!

For Christ's Sake,

Your Bishop

**Our Mission Statement:**

We the people of Barneveld Lutheran Church are called to be  
Christ's Light as we reach out

- + to people in our community with welcome and service;
- + to our members, helping each one feel valued and needed.

In all things we are committed to seeking and following God's will and not our own.

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**Barneveld Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting**  
**January 29, 2012**  
**10:20 a.m.**

**Agenda**

1. Opening Devotions
2. Call to order by President
3. Approval of Annual meeting minutes of January 30,2011
4. Council President's remarks
5. Council Committee Reports approval
  - a. Sunday School & SS Financial
  - b. Statistical Reports and Financial Giving information
6. Women of the ELCA and Women of ELCA Financial Report approval
7. WBM Cemetery Financial Report approval
8. Pastor's Remarks
9. Financial overview of 2011
10. Presentation and approval of budget for 2012
11. Elections
  - Council members
  - Sugar Creek Representatives – attend Sugar Creek Annual meeting February 19, 2:00 pm
  - Synod Assembly Representatives (May 5 & 6 @ WI Dells) – 1 male, 1 female
12. Old Business
13. New Business
  - a. Intern Program
  - b. Set up Nominating Committee for 2012
  - c. Any other business
14. Motion to adjourn
15. Closing prayer

**Barneveld Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting**  
**January 30, 2011**  
**10:20 a.m.**

**Agenda**

1. Opening Devotions – led by Pr. Jack
2. Call to order by President 10:25 am
3. Approval of Annual meeting minutes of January 31, 2010
  - a. Motion by Marcia Thompson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kurt Hodgson; Motion carried
4. Council President's remarks
  - a. Bill spoke of things we accomplished and things we have yet to do
  - b. Need more participation on our committees
  - c. The council needs to know where the congregation would like us to go
  - d. Asked if there were any questions about his letter in the annual report - none
5. Council Committee Reports approval
  - a. Sunday School & SS Financial, Day Camp/VBS
  - b. Statistical Reports and Financial Giving information
  - c. Ecumenical Care Team
  - d. Motion by Carl Arneson to approve all as a group, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky Stauffer; Motion carried.
6. Women of the ELCA and Women of ELCA Financial Report approval
  - a. Marcia addressed the ministry of WELCA. The ministry covers lots of areas and WELCA hopes that everyone can find an area of interest and participate
  - b. Motion by Nancy Carden to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Johnsrud; Motion carried.
7. WBM Cemetery Financial Report approval
  - a. Motion by Carl Arneson to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leonard Swedlund; Motion carried.
8. Pastor's Remarks
  - a. Pr. Jack requested that people notify him of needs for visits – he'd rather hear 10 times about the same person than not at all
  - b. Addressed our need for a web page and consideration of how that happens – maybe we need to hire someone to maintain it
  - c. Discussed confirmation requirements and the issues we've had with people not making them a priority
  - d. Reminded us of the event at BLC in April and the LEAD event and encouraged people to attend
  - e. Relayed that we will likely not have an intern for this fall – there is a smaller intern class coming up next year
  - f. Raised the question of whether people feel the ecumenical events in Barneveld are important – he would like to see more participation
  - g. Discussion about growth within our congregation – what does that mean?
    - i. Growth can mean bringing in new members, it can be engaging the members we have to do more, it can be personal spiritual growth within our membership
    - ii. Discussed inactive membership and how we engage those people again
    - iii. Discussed how we work with young families – things that have worked in the past won't necessarily work going forward but we need to decide what it needs to look like
    - iv. Joann Manteufel - Committees need to be active again and get back to the business of being a church.
9. Bill Kahl raised the question of whether we should offer payment to lay people who lead worship in Pastor's absence.
  - a. Congregation agreed that we should offer \$100
10. Eric Peterson – member of the Synod council spoke
11. Presentation and approval of budget for 2011
  - a. Motion by Joann Manteufel to add \$200 to worship supplies to cover the offering to lay people who lead worship, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Lee, motion carried

- b. Question from Dennis Baumann about where we are in regard to Pastor Jack's salary and synod guidelines
  - i. We are still below guidelines but we tried to get him closer with the increase in the budget
- c. Question from Larry Myers about how we arrived at the % allocations for the mission givings
  - i. Ken Hummel said that about 5 years ago the congregation arrived at those percentages because we didn't always have dollar amounts for the budget
- d. Motion from Deb Piquette to approve the budget with the edits to worship supplies (total budget \$144,321.03), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kitty Kahl; Motion carried.

12. Elections

- a. Council members
  - i. Dave Manteufel has agreed to fill Sharon Thousand's remaining 1 year term
  - ii. Jeff Ziegler has agreed to fill a 2-year term
  - iii. Motion by Leonard Swedlund to elect these council members, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Myers
  - iv. Motion carried
- b. Sugar Creek Representatives – attend Sugar Creek Annual meeting February 20, 2:00 pm, will be Doug and Nancy Carden.
- c. Synod Assembly Representatives– 1 male, 1 female
- d. Motion by Marcia Thompson to defer the Synod Assembly Representatives to the council
- e. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Baumann, Motion carried

13. Old Business – none

14. New Business

- a. Set up Nominating Committee for 2011
  - i. Sharon Thousand and Dave Lee will serve as former council members
- b. Web Site - above
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship service – short discussion about possibility
- d. Any other business
  - i. Shelly Lee made a motion to have the council check into paying someone to maintain the website.
  - ii. Cindy Reeson commented that we need to promote Lenten services so people know that it's open to the entire community

15. Motion to adjourn at 12:13

- a. Motion by Carl Arneson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Hendrickson; Motion carried.

16. Closing prayer

Annual Meeting Attendance

Larry Myers	Melissa Lease	Lee Pollock
Dennis Baumann	Kurt Hodgson	Rachel Doescher
Joan Johnsrud	Tiffany Ziegler	Sharon Thousand
Charlotte Lobitz	Jeff Ziegler	Becky Stauffer
Millie Swedlund	Lois Arneson	Jenna Jacobson
Leonard Swedlund	Carl Arneson	Kyle Jacobson
Guenther Kolb	Ken Hummel	Joyce Thompson
Tory Kolb	JoEllen Uptegraw	Ruth Ehlert
Nancy Carden	Kathy Hendrickson	Dave Lee
Doug Carden	Bill Kahl	Shelly Lee
Agnes Schulenburg	Pr. Jack Way	Cindy Reuter
Ardy Nelson	Valerie Way	Richard Reeson
Jim Nelson	Marcia Thompson	Cindy Reeson
Jen Bronsdon	Betty Hahn	Joann Manteufel
Pat Graham	Mary Feiler	Eric Peterson, Synod council rep.
JoAnn Carden	Kitty Kahl	
Bill Carden	Mike Peterson	

## Pastor's Letter

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven, if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."* (John 20:21-23)

Four years ago on a cold, snowy and blustery day, Bishop Burnside and Cynthia (who recently died) came to Barneveld to have him install me as your Pastor. Worshipping God in the sanctuary, the Bishop preached the Gospel of God. We sang together.

Then the Bishop stood before you, the gathered people of God, and he said: *Having been authorized by the Church to install Paul Jackson Way, Jr. our co-worker in the Gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.*

This certification was provided by the representative of the congregation, I believe it was Paul Evert who then said: *We, of Barneveld Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected P Jack Way Jr. to be pastor. I present him for installation.*

Bishop Burnside read the Gospel from John 20 (above). Next he read Matthew 28:1-20 in which Jesus said: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."* And last, 1 Timothy 4:12-16 was read: *"Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you in prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching, hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers."*

Bishop Burnside then asked me, *"Pastor Way, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, and promise to discharge your duties in harmony with the constitution of this church?"* I replied: *"I will and I ask God to help me."*

He asked: *"Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church?"* I answered: *"I will and I ask God to help me."*

Inquiring: *"Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people? Will you nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, leading them by your own example in the use of the means of grace, in faithful service and holy living?"* Again: *"I will and I ask God to help me."*

The Bishop continued: *"Will you give faithful witness to the world, that God's love may be made known in all that you do?"* *"I will and I ask God to help me."* I responded.

He concluded with: *"Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them."* To this we all replied, **AMEN.**

Bishop Burnside turned to you, the congregation and asked, *"And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?"* And you answered, **"We will."**

He continued to question you with, *“Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work’s sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?”* To this you replied, **“We will.”**

At this the Bishop announced, *“The office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”* Then the Bishop led prayer with these words, *“The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.* And we proclaimed, **“AMEN.”**

I was escorted to the baptismal font by the Bishop and it was declared, *“You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.* I was escorted by the Bishop to the pulpit and it was declared, *“You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.”* Then the Bishop escorted me to the altar and it was declared, *“You have been called to be among us to lead worship and preside at Holy Communion.”*

You applauded! We then shared the peace of the Lord with one another.

Life has not been the same since that day. God has blessed us in joining together to serve the Lord Jesus in God’s world. Births and baptisms, weddings and funerals, burials, confirmation retreats, Christmas programs, Lent dramas, mission trips, National Youth Gatherings, piano and organ music, adult choir, Sunday School and children singing, Legos and coat of many colors, pictures and videos, tree of life and fish, hand bells and band instruments, interns and quilting, midwife kits and hospice kits, goats and chickens, lefse, lutefisk, rommegrot, meatballs, hymns, carols, prayers, confessions, forgiveness, food pantry, hospitalizations, healing, illness, Vacation Bible School and Day Camp, Sugar Creek Bible Camp, piggy banks and Financial Peace University, jazz worship, meditation, praise, thanksgiving, roofing, carpeting, lights, shopping bags, garage sales, Mardi Gras, blessings, conflicts, games, spaghetti suppers, fundraisers, ecumenical worship and days of prayer, gains, losses, sharing, withholding, crafts and cooking, grace gatherings, LEAD, synod assembly’s, community band, bicyclists, lambs, baby chicks, bible study, WELCA, scouts, birthdays, anniversaries, playing together, somber times, sacred and profane, cooperation and contention, body and blood, bread and wine, laughter, tears, rejoicing and grief, sinner, saint, called, empowered – all through Christ with us in all these and so many, many more things.

God leads us into the future together, so may we seek and discover, as we discern God’s revelation of his will for us as **We pray:** May the God of eternity direct our days and our deeds so that God equips us with everything good so that we may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen**

I pray for you, and I rely upon both your and my prayers for how we might serve in Christ’s ministry together in the next year, and so we pray, *“We will and we ask God to help us.”*

Your brother in Christ,

*Pr Jack*

## **Congregation President's Letter**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Another year has come and gone and so it is my privilege to share some personal thoughts and concerns as Council President. I thought I might write about Time, Talent, and Treasure.

### **TIME**

I'm thinking about all the times I respond to a request with, "I just don't have the time" and why that's so easy for me to say. Where does all my "time" go. What is so important that I do not have time to do things for my family, friends, and church that would be worthwhile causes? How many times do I say that because I merely do not want to be bothered? I hope this rings a bell with some of you also. I think about where we stand as a church, the body of Christ. We fill some positions with anyone who will say yes no matter how many things they already do for BLC because other folks just "don't have the time". We have less serving time at the lutefisk dinner because folks just "don't have the time". We do not currently have any type of Men's group; my guess is because none of us "have the time". We have committees that haven't sat in some time including Stewardship, which we base our budget off of, because we "don't have the time". Certainly we are all busy with responsibilities that pull us all in so many different directions, but are they really what we need to do, or just things we want to do. I think I need to rethink and rededicate myself to do the things that truly can be a positive influence in my family, town, and church. What do you think?

### **TALENT**

I think about how I use my talent often. I cherish the work I do in my job because A) I have one, B) I tend to be quite successful at it. I also cherish my work with the confirmation ministry. It is my lifeline to the church when I am looking for something to hold on to. I enjoy very much my work on council but feel like I'm just going through the motions most of the time. We talk about what needs to be done to the building, and how short on funds we are. What am I doing on the council that is breathing new life into our Church family that will help folks to be committed to the mission of Jesus? Not much I'm afraid. I sometimes think that the good I do in confirmation and on council is just a by-product of me selfishly doing what is best for me, and it just happens to work out well for others. Why are we so afraid to use our talents in our Christian family?

Is the one, two or three hours of commitment a month, time that would help so much, that much of an inconvenience or are we afraid that if we say yes to one thing, it will quickly snowball into having to be on every committee we have? These are questions we all have to consider and respond to. We have folks who have worked hard for a long time for us and are tired and need a break. I am going to have to reevaluate how I think I'm doing with the time and talent I give to BLC. What do you think?

## **TREASURE**

Oh Boy!! Here we go. The good news everyone's been waiting for.

Well.....there's not much. Certainly I do not have to tell anyone that we are living in a weird time. Some folks think our Governor is doing things he can't and shouldn't do. Some folks think we have a Congress that doesn't do anything or at least not enough. No one is surprised to hear about cut backs or more taxes.

Unemployment, underemployment and lack of promotions is not news that surprises anyone anymore. It's just an ugly fact of life. The council is facing some tough choices as the new year starts. Here's the good news for the council, it's not a council decision, it's a congregational decision. We have funds that the council has used over the years to compensate for insufficient funding. Are we to continue to use these funds to make up for short falls? We have been asked to teach and guide an Intern next year but no decision has been made because we have just paid for last year's commitment. What are we to do? We have many choices. Should we cut back the hours of our Church Secretary, get a pastor fresh out of seminary that is less money. Should we have a 3/4 time or 1/2 time pastor and only pay for Sunday worship? Should we quit taking care of the building and only do what absolutely needs to be done? Certainly I think these would be poor choices and ones that I could never support, but they are choices. You need to let your voice be known to the council members so we know how the whole congregation thinks. I think it's time for those of us who have been hiding behind, "I don't have the money", of which I am one of, to make our church a priority and fund it the way it needs to be funded. It would be nice for a sitting council to have to decide how to spend the extra funds instead of what can be done to pay for this or that. I've made my choice to make my giving a priority this year, after all, there is a need for the giver to give. What do you think?

Blessings,

*Jeffrey*

Jeff Ziegler

Statistical Report 2011 – (Page 1)

**Baptisms = 4**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Isabel Pohlman	05/08/2011	Karla and Carl Pohlman
Makinley Pohlman	05/08/2011	Karla and Carl Pohlman
Jaydon Wagabaza	05/08/2011	Karla and Carl Pohlman, David Wagabaza
Ryker Schmidt	11/13/2011	Ryan and Jenni Schmidt

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion = 2**

Connor Carden	10/9/2011	Kevin and Jenifer Carden
Paige Ramos	10/2/2011	Kathy Hendrickson & Jim Ramos

**Confirmation = 7    Non member = 1                      May 22, 2011**

Mikaela Arneson	Leann Jammeh
Sierra Eno	Brad and Michelle Eno
Alana Hendrickson	Teri and Dave (Bernie) Hendrickson
Nichole Kelly	Rick and Sue Kelly                      (members of West Blue Mounds)
Corissa Lease	David and Melissa Lease
Michael Ranney	Sara and Jeff Ranney
Jasmine Salava	Joe and Lisa Salava
Zach Simonson	Nicole Stephenson & Chad Simonson

**Marriages = 6**

Kathy Ramos to Robbie Hendrickson	01/01/2011
Kelly Oimoen to Kelly Bertram	07/02/2011
Mark Straubhaar to Stacie Harrison	04/30/2011
James T Watkins to Kendra Jabs	05/28/2011
Lindsay Vezakis to Jesse Erickson	09/03/2011
Danielle Bowe to David Moyer	10/15/2011

**Funerals = 10    Member = 9                      Non Member = 1**

Bernadette Arneson	02/21/2011	
Milford Campbell	03/07/2011	
Joyce Jabs	05/12/2011	
Barbara Arneson	06/05/2011	
Lisa Faherty-Bilse	07/03/2011	at Hidden Valley Community Church- Dodgeville
Monica Jenson	08/06/2011	
Donald Dimpfl	08/12/2011	
Erna Vollen	11/29/2011	
Erika Straubhaar	11/12/2011	Non- member services
Mildred Forseth	12/08/2011	

**Transfer Out of BLC = 3                      Confirmed = 3    Children = 0**

David Grindle	09/03/2011	to Good Shepherd Lutheran Madison - ELCA
Jean Grindle	09/03/2011	to Good Shepherd Lutheran Madison - ELCA
Sara Grindle	09/03/2011	to Good Shepherd Lutheran Madison - ELCA

**Statistical Report 2011 – (Page 2)**

New Members received    Adults= 4    Children/Youth = 3

Kelly Bertram	02/27/2011	Affirmation of Faith
Kelly Oimoen	02/27/2011	Transfer from Perry Lutheran
Jesse Erickson	02/27/2011	Transfer from Yellowstone Lutheran
Karla Pohlman	02/27/2011	Affirmation of Faith – from Catholic Church
Makinley Pohlman	02/27/2011	non baptized child (included in baptism list)
Isabel Pohlman	02/27/2011	non baptized child (included in baptism list)
Jaydon Wagabaza	02/07/2011	non baptized child (included in baptism list)

Statistical Adjustments - 2

Barneveld Lutheran Church Membership

Baptized Membership December 31, 2010 = 571

**Baptized Membership, December 31, 2011 = 565**

**Attendance Figures**

**BLC monthly Averages**

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	<b>2011</b>
January	137	161	128	127	130	132	135	110	98	92	<b>90</b>
February	137	139	128	138	132	133	117	138	109	118	<b>93</b> 1 ice day
March	164	145	134	148	150	143	109	136	105	132	<b>110</b>
April	159	128	142	139	147	155	147	116	132	150	<b>147</b>
May	141	127	133	155	146	156	111	119	99	122	<b>133</b>
June	159	111	96	111	97	82	74	77	67	83	<b>77</b>
July	101	108	87	104	89	97	67	74	68	79	<b>85</b>
August	109	84	100	105	102	90	74	77	76	73	<b>89</b>
September	143	143	144	149	125	109	99	89	104	110	<b>103</b>
October	154	156	153	144	144	132	114	118	115	122	<b>116</b>
November	147	150	153	136	133	139	99	116	104	104	<b>111</b>
December	133	143	127	134	122	137	102	119	108	124	<b>133</b>
<b>Yearly Average</b>	140	133	127	133	126	125	104	107	99	110	<b>107</b>

**Lenten Worship Attendance:**

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	<b>2011</b>
89	84	79	85	87	79	67	60	70	55	<b>74</b>

BARNEVELD LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Funds Report**

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Totals for Period: 01/01/2011 to 12/31/2011

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Fund #	Description	Amount
1	GENERAL FUND	109,625.85
15	CHRISTMAS – general fund	100.00
9	EASTER- general fund	150.00
3	INITIAL ENVELOPE GIVING- general fund	140.00
2	MISSION FUND	9,850.80
4	WORLD HUNGER	20.00
5	HELPING HAND FUND	3,990.50
7	MEMORIALS	5,000.00
10	SUGAR CREEK STEER FUND	270.00
11	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	515.00
13	BARNEVELD FOOD PANTRY	600.00
14	DISASTER APPEAL	765.00
101	Missionary #101- special appeal offerings	496.00
104	WELL WISHERS- for Water Wells	605.00
105	Internship Fund	6,907.85
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>139,036.00</b>

## Sunday School Report 2011

Greetings from Sunday school:

We have enjoyed another great year at Barneveld Lutheran Church in our Sunday school.

As we look back on the past year we enjoyed learning about Moses (birth to exodus), Ruth and Mary, Martha and Lazarus. We started our 2011 Fall rotation with Issac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esau then Moses and the 10 commandment's.

We had an awesome Carnival to start our fall rotation. This fall we put out a challenge to our children to strive for better attendance. We offered weekly and monthly prizes and a yearend Grand Prize for the best attendance by a single person or persons in case of a tie. We have seen a big improvement. Last year we were averaging 25 children a Sunday. This year we have brought that up to 34 Children a Sunday. The high has been 40 and the low was 23. Way to go.

We ended December with our annual Christmas Pageant. "Wee Three King's" presented by the third through sixth grade classes. The Pre-K through second grade did a poem about candles and sang a couple of songs.

Thank you, to all parents who help by bringing your children to Sunday school and the staff of Shepherds and Room Leaders who help bring each story to life.

We are always looking for help whether it is a Shepherd or a Room Leader. It seems every year we have to beg for help. Perhaps you have thought about helping with the children, let us know we would love to have you and so would the children. They are a great bunch of children to work with.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Baumann and Carla Leuzinger*

BLC Sunday School Coordinators

P.S.

I have decided to step down as Sunday School Coordinator after the end of this year school year. I have been a part of Sunday school for about 10 years either as a Shepherd, Room leader or as Coordinator. I believe it is time for new leadership to take Barneveld Sunday school to the next level. I would like to thank anyone and everyone who has helped with or just brought your child to Sunday school. I have enjoyed all the smiley faces over the years, and have appreciated the kind words from all members of Congregation.

Once again thanks for all the Support.

*Dawn Baumann*

## 2011 BLC Sunday School Financial Report

<b>Checking Account</b>	Balance 12/31/2010		\$ 1,676.81
Deposits:			
	Offerings and Bake Sales	\$ 982.63	
	Total Deposits	\$ 982.63	
Debits/Withdrawals:			
	Gifts – Bible Camp	\$ 397.00	
	Supplies	\$ 698.88	
	Total Debits	\$1,095.88	
	Balance as of 12/31/2011		\$1,563.56
<b>Money Market</b>	Balance as of 12/31/2010		\$3,441.70
Deposits:	Interest (Jan – Dec 2011)	\$ 4.87	
Withdrawals:		\$ .00	
	Balance as of 12/31/2011		\$3,446.57

## Barneveld Women of the ELCA Report 2011

**Officers:** Coordinator – Marcia Thompson                      Treasurer-Pat Graham

Our Women of the ELCA continues to be an active ministry at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

- We meet on an as needed basis to decide distribution of funds
- On November 5<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual Lutefisk dinner, which is the 1st Saturday of November each year.

The Rachel circle meets for monthly bible study and fellowship; Rachel, Esther, and Lydia circles, collected offerings which are used locally and ½ sent to Synodical and Churchwide Women of the ELCA along with donations for Katie's Fund which are quarters collected at each circle meeting and Pennies for Poverty collected at circle meetings and in the container in the BLC narthex.

The circles take turns in setting communion, changing liturgical paraments, and caring for the kitchen. Thank you to Carl Arneson for filling the oil candles each and every week of the year.

- We continued to sell our cook books (\$10 each).
- We purchased corsages for the Confirmands
- We assisted 14 youth each with \$50 scholarships toward Summer Bible camp.
- 10 funeral luncheons were served. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped by working at and/or providing food for these meals.
- We continue to be one of the 13 churches who staff and support the Community Clothes Closet in Mt. Horeb. We staffed the facility for the month of July, one open day in December and gave \$700 towards the operation costs. Shelly Lee serves as our church liaison.

Monetary donations were made to the following organizations in 2011: see financial report for amounts

Salvation Army	Community Clothes Closet	Community Connections Free Clinic
WE Care	Sugar Creek Bible Camp	BLC Internship program
BLC Utilities	Barneveld Santa Cop	Project Comfort (LWR shipping)
BLC Helping Hand Fund	Milestones for Children	Samaritan Deeds Mission
Seminary Scholarship fund	San Pedro Ecuador Mission Fund	

We are involved in MANY mission projects including quilting which is a HUGE love and mission for our women.

Lutheran World Relief: - 103 LAYETTES, 120 school kits, 43 quilts                      Mexico – 4 quilts  
Global Health Ministry: 59 Hospice Kits                      Gilda's Club – 10 lap quilts  
WI Native American tribes: 24 large quilts and 10 baby blankets, and other baby clothing  
We continue the task of making over 130 lap quilts to distribute to the WW II veterans who will go on the Spring 2012 Honor Flight out of Madison; as a thank you for their service to our country.

I invite all women to become involved in some way. We have many projects and hope something appeals to you; watch the church bulletins and newsletters for activities. As we move forward my vision would be that we could continue to embrace the many mission projects to be Christ's hands in this world.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Thompson



LUTEFISK SUPPER ANNUAL REPORT  
2011

**INCOME**

Ticket Sales:	\$13,246.00
Member donations:	518.00
Food Sales:	1,814.60
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$15,578.60</b>

**EXPENSES**

Lutefisk:	\$4,398.50
Groceries & Supplies	3,192.01
Advertising:	228.05
Ticket refund:	64.00
Waste Management:	679.03
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$8,561.59</b>

**NET PROFIT: \$7,017.01**

**FINAL CHECK TO WELCA: \$7,017.01**

*Joann Manteyel  
Lutefisk Supper Treasurer*

## Property Report 2011

Items which have been done to maintain our facilities and grounds during 2011 include:

- Outside, the parking lot light needed a new bulb and a new wire from the sensor up to the light bulb.
- 8 shrubs that were overgrown were removed and replaced with 8 new globe shrubs in front of the church given as a memorial gift.
- All other shrubs were extensively pruned and old wood cleaned out; thanks to Ron Jabs for his time and talent to do this.
- Red gravel twice was brought in to not only go around the new bushes, but to go along the side walk, and where ever needed around the building.
- Extensive repair work was done on the eves troughs around the building, and a good share of the front side was replaced with new and bigger down spouts.
- The A.C. units for the offices were covered for the winter.
- Just about every light bulb in the sanctuary has been replaced at least once. Approximately 30 or more florescent bulbs have been replaced throughout the building. It is still on going but a lot of the lights have been replaced in the tunnel under the facility.
- Every window crank and hardware has been gone over and fixed where necessary.
- 2 toilets in the women's restroom had new seals put in and were reattached to the floor.
- Faucets in both the kitchen and men's restroom were fixed.
- Side walk was raised and re-cemented by the front door; thanks to Doug Carden for this.
- We had leaky pipes in the lower level of the utility room, which were taken care of.
- New water softer has been purchased and is installed.
- We now have Professional pest control hired 4 times a year to treat the church for rodents & bugs.

Snow plowing service was hired out to Bill Jones and lawn mowing and trimming services were hired through Jordee Lawn Service.

Maintaining property is a continuous and ongoing project. Thanks to ALL the willing volunteers who were involved with these many and various projects throughout the year; their donation of time and talent saved us many dollars when completing these projects.

We are continuing to work on improving the lighting in the Sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted by  
Leland Pollock

**WEST BLUE MOUNDS LUTHERAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**  
**12-31-2011 TREASURER REPORT**

INCOME

Lot Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Grave Openings & Inurnments	500.00
Dane Co -Veterans Grave Assistance	142.00
Interest on CD's	124.17
Interest on Savings Account	<u>5.00</u>
Total	<b>1,771.17</b>

EXPENDITURES

Lawn Mowing	1,960.00
Box Rent	20.00
Bank Checks	34.50
Total	<b>2,014.50</b>

ASSETS

State Bank of Cross Plains	
Checking Account Balance	1,088.51
Savings Account Balance	10,418.47
SBCD-Certificate Matures 3-5-12 @ 1.15% APY	<u>+10,000.00</u>
Total	<b>21,506.98</b>

Donna Bigler, Treasurer

## SUGAR CREEK ANNUAL REPORT 2011

**THANK YOU AGAIN** for joining with Sugar Creek to provide ministry to over 7000 people this year. As a PARTNERSHIP ministry, we touch many lives in some wonderful ways. God has richly blessed us and we are a blessing to others. It has also been rewarding to see family camps grow and other intergenerational programs expand.

### **Did you know?**

There are over 2500 children involved in the various programs throughout the summer.

There are over 25 families attending family camp.

There are programs for Grandparents/child, Mother/daughter and Father/son.

### **Did you know?**

There are over 4000 people who come for retreats of all kinds. (This is wonderful ministry too) There are over 60 college age people on staff in the summer. AND, some of these young adults go on to be pastors, youth workers and other wonderful young adults.

### **Did you Know?**

The registration fee that our campers pay covers only 2/3 the cost of being a camper. This means that when a camper pays \$320, it really costs us \$460 for each child. This is why we depend on congregational support, individual support and fund raising. This is what makes us 'partners' in ministry'. Each fund raising event is what makes it go.

In the book "Will Our Children Have Faith", it identifies how important good Christian role models can be. We use the term 'faith nurturing' as a way to describe what we really do. We join with you in nurturing the faith journey of our children. The many activities such as canoeing, horseback riding, hiking etc. are all the condiments that make the experience exciting. Faith nurturing happens through the experiences of worship, campfires and personal attention from the staff. God does work in some mysterious and wonderful ways.

**YOU ARE INVITED:** Yes, you are invited to come and participate in one of the many programs we offer each year. It's your camp. Come and enjoy! NOW is the time to look for your camp brochure and make plans: or go to our website [www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org](http://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org).

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

SUGAR CREEK GOLF OUTING: JUNE 25, 2012

QUILT AUCTION: SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

GOSPEL BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 12-14, 2012

### **Items of Need:**

Vehicles (mini van, truck, tractor)

wood burning cook stove, washer/dryer, horse hay, commercial lawn mower, houseboat, kayak, trees, building materials or just about anything. Call 608 734-3113

## Barneveld Area Community Food Pantry- 2011

The Barneveld Area Food Pantry is a cooperative outreach of the Barneveld and Ridgeway churches, local organizations and private donors. Located in the Barneveld Lutheran Church facility, 505 Swiss Lane (608-924-8621), it offers a variety of dry goods, eggs, frozen bakery items and frozen meat.

*Hours of Operation:* The pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

*Client Eligibility:* The pantry has no residency or income-level restrictions, but clients may visit only twice a month. Food quantities are limited by family size: 1 bag for a family of 1-2; 2 bags for a family of 3-4; 3 bags for families larger than 4.

*Client Shopping:* Clients are free to fill their allotted bags with whatever shelved dry goods they wish. Staff provides each client with eggs, frozen bread/buns, and frozen meat, when available. To assure that items in high demand, such as sugar, tuna, canned fruit, and spaghetti sauce, will be available all day, staff shelves only a small quantity of those at any given time and restocks as needed.

*Clients Served:* From January 1, 2011 through December 28, 2011, the pantry served 510 families comprised of 1,696 members, many of them children.

*Staff:* Marcia Thompson, the Lutheran church office manager, oversees the operation of the pantry. A core group of volunteers - Carl Arneson, Judie Gibbon, Lowell Gibbon, Elsa Greene and Jan Stoltz - shops at various cost-effective vendors, especially Second Harvest Foodbank, sorts food donations and stocks shelves. In 2011, the volunteers hauled more than four and a half tons of food back to the pantry from Second Harvest.

*United Fund Grant:* In April, 2011, the United Fund of Iowa County awarded the pantry \$400 for the purchase of a freezer. With the extra freezer capacity, the pantry was able to increase its meat offerings from 203 lbs in 2010 to 1,088 lbs in 2011.

*Food Drives and Fundraising:* The pantry benefits from 3 major food drives. Around Halloween, the

Barneveld Lutheran confirmation class conducts a door-to-door collection; in the spring, the Boy Scouts do a similar collection; and in the summer, the US Postal service collects from every residence in the Barneveld ZIP code.

For the second year in a row, the pantry received more than 100 food-pantry bags donated by customers at Miller & Sons in Mount Horeb. In addition, during 2011, many local organizations, including the Barneveld School drama group, Circle Sanctuary, the Deer Valley Golf Course, and the Peoples Community Bank, conducted food collections for the pantry.

The pantry's annual fundraiser is a group garage sale put on by the Barneveld/Ridgeway Over 55 Group in conjunction with the annual community-wide garage sale. Last May, the sale raised \$1,257.82. The pantry also received \$2,081.82 raised at the Barneveld School Carnival; \$1,125 collected by the Peoples Community Bank; and \$200 from the Ridgeway/Barneveld Knights of Columbus. Throughout the year, the pantry received generous donations of food and cash from many other groups and individuals.

Cash goes a long way at the Second Harvest Foodbank. The total bill for the more than half a ton of meat the pantry distributed this year was under \$200.



Thank you to each and everyone who has supported the Barneveld Area Food Pantry in some way throughout the past year. We can all be proud to be part of a community willing to share our blessings with those who happen to be struggling at the current time. We never know what circumstances may lead us to be on the receiving end at sometime in our lives.

More volunteers are always welcome; you can help on a regular basis or just a few occasional hours.

To volunteer your help to the food pantry contact Elsa Greene at 924-2705 or email at [epgreene@frontier.com](mailto:epgreene@frontier.com)

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 BARNEVELD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 Income Statement  
 For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2011

	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Revenues		
DIVIDENDS & INTEREST INCOME	3,428.99	275.00
RENT & USE OF CHURCH	1,262.99	0.00
GIVINGS FROM MEMBERS	111,248.27	75,016.00
MISSIONS GIVINGS	8,617.10	9,514.00
OPEN CASH	4,530.53	3,000.00
Total Revenues	129,087.88	87,805.00
Cost of Sales		
Total Cost of Sales	0.00	0.00
Gross Profit	129,087.88	87,805.00
Expenses		
PASTOR WAY SALARY	37,000.10	37,000.00
PASTOR FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNT	2,350.00	2,400.00
PASTOR WAY PENSION	7,105.48	8,580.72
PASTOR JACK INSURANCE	15,299.46	17,096.76
PASTOR WAY SOC SEC ALLOW	2,830.50	3,014.55
PASTOR WAY HOUSING	14,500.08	14,500.00
PASTOR BOOKS AND CONT EDUCATIO	489.16	750.00
PASTOR TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	4,257.00	4,000.00
GENERAL SUPPLIES	958.39	1,000.00
ELECTRICITY	3,255.26	3,350.00
WATER & SEWER	716.72	700.00
HEATING FUEL	3,079.99	4,000.00
INSURANCE/WORKMANS COMP	3,567.74	4,000.00
INVESTMENT FEES	192.36	150.00
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES	2,854.42	2,500.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	59.99	0.00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	998.61	500.00
JANITOR	3,265.00	3,300.00
CONVENTION EXPENSE	0.00	500.00
OFFICE SECRETARY	13,350.65	13,500.00
TREASURERS EXPENSE	635.00	650.00
EMPLOYER FICA TAX	2,333.48	2,900.00
COPIER EXPENSE	1,083.50	2,184.00
POSTAGE EXPENSE	970.83	950.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1,383.72	1,400.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	612.48	1,000.00
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR SALARY	2,090.00	1,155.00
MUSIC SUPPLIES	36.00	100.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL	188.12	500.00
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	963.94	1,300.00

## BARNEVELD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Income Statement

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2011

DEPRECIATION RESERVE	0.00	1,200.00
CONFIRMATION MINISTRY	1,494.01	1,000.00
YOUTH ACTIVITY ALLOWANCE	(230.17)	0.00
ADULT EDUCATION	0.79	200.00
EVANGELISM & ADVERTISING	597.57	500.00
STEWARDSHIP	482.63	400.00
SOUTH CENTRAL WIS SYNOD	6,843.50	9,000.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE	603.20	0.00
SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP	603.20	0.00
PLATTEVILLE MINISTRIES	603.20	0.00
Total Expenses	137,425.91	145,281.03
Net Income	(8,338.03)	(57,476.03)



BARNEVELD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2011

Total Liabilities & Capital

\$ 1,278,284.87

**BLC Budget  
For Fiscal Year 2012**

	<u>2012</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Dividends and Interest	\$1,000.00
Givings from members	\$134,681.00
Other Income	\$1,200.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$136,881.00</u>

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Salary Package, Pastor Way	\$82,531.00
Pastor Way Books & Continuing Ed	\$500.00
Pastor Way Travel Allowance	\$4,000.00

General Supplies	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$3,200.00
Water & Sewer	\$750.00
Heating Fuel	\$4,000.00
Insurance/WC	\$3,500.00
Investment Fees	\$200.00
Grounds Mntc Svcs	\$2,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$750.00
Janitor	\$3,300.00
Convention Expense	\$500.00
Office Secretary	\$14,400.00
Treasurer's Expense	\$650.00
Employer Taxes	\$2,900.00
Copier Expense	\$2,400.00
Postage Expense	\$950.00
Telecommunications	\$1,400.00
Office Supplies	\$750.00
Organist/Choir Director Salary	\$2,000.00
Music Supplies	\$100.00
Worship Supplies	\$1,100.00
Depreciation Reserve	\$2,400.00
Adult Education	\$200.00
Evangelism & Advertising	\$500.00
Stewardship	\$400.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$136,881.00</u>

( Missions are based on actual giving)	<b>9,000.00</b> projected
SOUTH CENTRAL WIS SYNOD (79%)	
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE (7%)	
SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP (7%)	
PLATTEVILLE MINISTRIES (7%)	
	<b>145,881.00</b>