



# **Beaver Valley** **Lutheran Church** ELCA

Our Mission Statement: To GATHER as God's family, To GROW in Grace, To GO in Faith, Love & Service

**THE TIDINGS:** A monthly Newsletter for Family & Friends of Beaver Valley **January 2022**



## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

**No First Sunday Evening Worship in Pavilion-Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Confirmation – Wednesdays, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm**

**Men's Breakfast at Troy & Kathy's house-Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am**

**Women's Retreat at Swan Lake – Thursday-Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Education Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

**Winter Rally "All Parent" Youth Ministry Meeting – Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:35am**

**Church Council Meeting – Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:45am**



## “God in the midst of Change”

As I write this January newsletter article I am struck by how different the culture to which I was first called to serve some 35+ years ago is looking to me now. The world is more complex and, if I can editorialize right out of the gate, more “cluttered”---with so many voices competing for our attention that shared truth is all but impossible to find. We don’t communicate the way we used to. Especially our youngest 1/3 of our nation’s population simply sees the world differently. Institutions, built by generations of faithful people are being abandoned. It’s not that there isn’t a good measure of good will represented in our young, it’s that with so many old patterns now broken, we are searching for a way to unite our hearts in service to others (the real and timeless measure of whether a person is fully alive or not).

Because of change, I am already thinking of the decisions we will make at our end of January (30<sup>th</sup>) Annual Meeting. We will talk about changes that we are now just beginning to be able to describe across the broad landscape of the church as well as our own congregation.

Framing that conversation is a well-written and inspired word from our presiding bishop, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton. In her article she writes,

*The first chapter of James, verse 17, reminds us that “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” Yes, this has been a season of change (the past two years), but Scripture also reminds us that we serve a generous, steadfast God.*

Bishop Eaton, in choosing these sacred words from the book of James, hits it right on the head; “every generous act of giving” is from above (always has been true, always will be true). In other words, God is the *doer* of good things. God is, from one generation to the next, the one busy “whenever two or three gather in my name” says Jesus.

My prayer is that as we navigate uncertain and fast changing times, that we will be steadied in our decision making by the promise that all we need to do is stop and receive the gift of salvation (Christmas) and be inspired enough to keep moving on into the days that we have been given and that are not, NOT, ours to make holy. Why? Because God has never been thrown by change.

Blessings,

Pastor Greg Johnson



# January Highlights



**January 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday – Happy New Year!!**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday – Second Sunday of Christmas**

*On this Second Sunday of Christmas we will enjoy our last chance of the year to sing familiar Christmas carols and ponder what kind of New Year's resolution we can trust will actually happen! No Sunday School on this holiday weekend. No First Sunday Evening Worship in Pavilion*



**January 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. – Confirmation**

*We will jump back into class time after several weeks off and after a successful “Church on the Street” sweatshirt, quilt, and blanket give-away night. Thanks to those who, in the middle of vacation time, had the time (and the health) to go and be Christmas to others!*



**January 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir**

*Adult Choir resumes on January 5<sup>th</sup>. New voices always welcome.*



**January 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Troy & Kathy Dawley's house**

*See the Lutheran Men in Mission page for details.*



**January 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting**

**January 6-9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Sunday - Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp**

*This will be a weekend where women of BVLC and friends come together for a weekend of fellowship!!! Bring a board or card game, book to read, knitting, crochet, quilting, scrapbooking anything you'd like to work on for the weekend. We have supper on Friday evening, brunch & supper on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. We all bring snacks to share for the weekend and have a great time just relaxing and enjoying friendship with other women.*



**January 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Winter Rally “All Parent” Youth Ministry Meeting**



*The Education Committee and Pastor Greg look forward to a solid representation of the parents for this meeting. (The Sunday School kids will have a lesson, while confirmation and senior high youth are invited to attend the meeting) It will be good to have parents of all ages and our older youth gather to walk through a newly written mini-handbook that intends to make sure that Beaver Valley's youth ministry is broadly supported and that the year-in-year-out workings of youth ministry are uniformly understood. Plans for our first, “all youth” benefit will be made.*

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – Worship at Bethany**

*Members are always invited to join in this half hour worship service “up” at our Bethany Meadows community room.*



# January Highlights



## January 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

The council will meet to conduct monthly business on this second Thursday of January. Members of Beaver Valley are always welcome to sit in on these meetings. Any business or concerns that you would like to present to the council should be made known to church council president, Kevin Petterson, at any time.



## January 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Annual Reports will be available

Copies of the annual report will be available on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.



## January 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 5:00 p.m.—Staff Christmas party

Beaver Valley's staff (Pastor, Greg; office-manager, Kari; organist, Ruth; pianist, Gingi; adult choir director, Shelly; Media Director, Corey; and Sunday School coordinator, Brittany) will gather at the Johnsons for an evening meal to celebrate the congregation that we serve.

## January 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – Women's Epiphany bible study

Our December, large group Advent bible study and fellowship was well received. We will again meet as a large group for study and conversation in January. See Women of the ELCA article for complete details.



## January 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. – Music & Worship Committee Meeting

This talented group will help give shape to the many and differing worship services during the month of January. Thanks to Gingi Hanson, Ruth Tieszen, Georgia Backer and Sylvia Benson for their month-in, month-out help with worship planning.

## January 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – Pastor Greg at Helping Hands



## January 30<sup>th</sup>—Sunday—Annual Meeting, 10:45 a.m.

We will get started with the Annual Meeting of the congregation right at 10:45 a.m. PLEASE come with the report having been read so that we can move efficiently through an important meeting. Copies of the annual report will be available on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Time and Talents Yellow Sheets 2022

Bonnie Nelson and the church office are going through all yellow sheets in these first couple of weeks in January. Time and Talents yellow sheets are still available to be filled out if you have not yet turned one in for 2022.

Copies will be available in the church office. Thank you!

### Lighting candles before Worship on Sunday Mornings

\*\*Thank you to Bev Maxwell for all the years she volunteered her time to help with lighting the candles before worship each Sunday.\*\*

If interested in helping with this job each week, please let the church office know. Bev will train someone to take her place and show what needs to be done each week.

# Beaver Valley YOUTH

## Small Wonders Preschool

### January Schedule

(Mon, Wed, Fri Group) January 3<sup>rd</sup>

– Preschool Resumes

January 17<sup>th</sup> – No School

(Tues, Thurs Group)

January 4<sup>th</sup> – Preschool Resumes

The Preschoolers did a zoom call with the ASL 2 class at BVHS. They signed Christmas carols for the preschoolers and we got to show them the letters we know how to sign. - *Brittany Gerovac*



## Sunday School



I want to start by saying wow! We had 50 children in our Christmas program! I couldn't imagine a better way to end 2021. We now get to look forward to 2022 and what that brings for the youth in our church. We will start with a Winter Rally on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> after church. We will start the year off right with a fun day for our Sunday schoolers and a big informational meeting for parents. This meeting will answer any questions that parents may have, from fundraising to what to expect as your child gets older, we have answers for you. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will also have a registration table for those kiddos that

haven't signed up for Sunday School yet and for the kids who just turned 3. We also have a big fundraiser coming up in January which is the Spaghetti dinner for the Annual Meeting. I want to end by saying thank you to all of the parents and grandparents that helped make Sunday School and the Christmas Program happen.

Thank you,  
*Brittany Gerovac*, Christian Ed. Director

# Beaver Valley YOUTH Confirmation

Our confirmation youth were busy in December with their class-time study of the Ten Commandments but also putting on their servant hats! It was good to have some of our confirmation aged kids helping serve coffee on December 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Confirmation Servant Night with Church on the Street, Laundry with Love - Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**  
With inclement weather requiring the postponement of our "Church on the Street" (COTS), December 15<sup>th</sup>, night of service, some of our kids were able to regroup and honor the request of COTS to hand out sweatshirts, blankets and quilts to those most needing help with these necessities. Thanks to those who helped load our gifts and youth and parents who helped with the December 28<sup>th</sup> afternoon/night of service.



## Sr. High

I hope all of our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can be a part of our January 9<sup>th</sup>, Winter Rally Sunday. Let's meet with the large group to start our morning, (10:35 a.m.) and then plan to have some Sr. High only time following the meeting where the youth ministry handbook will be discussed. We have some things to talk about as we head into the second half of the year! Thanks! *Pastor Greg*

January 2022

Welcome 2022

The Advent gathering was great, wonderful company, great treats and a meaningful Bible Study.

I am unsure what the New Year has in store for us as a group and the Church as a whole. I look forward to the development of new opportunities for growth. Please consider how we should develop. Plans for a meeting to continue the discussion of our options will happen in January.

Blessings for the New Year. Health and happiness to each of you.

Sue



God's Creators getting all the beautiful Christmas cards ready to mail.

## Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp - January 6-9, 2022

Women's Retreat January 6-9, 2022 (option of arriving Thursday). Join women of BVLC and friends for a weekend of fellowship!!! We welcome anyone to join us for the weekend, meals provided, bedding and towels provided. Great sleeping accommodations, choose who you'd like to room with. Bring a board or card game, book to read, knitting, crochet, quilting, scrapbooking anything you'd like to work on for the weekend. We have supper on Friday evening, brunch & supper on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. We all bring snacks to share for the weekend and have a great time just relaxing and enjoying friendship with other women. If you're interested a \$50 check made out to Swan Lake Christian Camp given to Twyla Voldseth, call with any questions!!! 595-4772

**There's still time to join the ladies of BVLC for a great weekend away from the hustle and bustle to relax and enjoy the company of other women!!!**



## Thank you!

Dear BVLC Choir Members,

You all did such a wonderful job of singing for our "Christmas Music Festival". It was a pleasure to accompany you on the piano. Thank you for the beautiful corsage. It was a very thoughtful gesture and I truly appreciated it.

- Gingi

Beaver Valley Youth –

Thank you for the donation for the BV Angel fund. Families in our community will benefit from your generosity.

We are thankful for you!

- Mrs. Stemuedil & BVHS Student Council

I received a phone message from Anita (her dad was former Pastor Uldis Cepure at BVLC – 1971-1974). Anita wanted to send love this Christmas to people she knew from long ago – Jacobson's (Ilene & Dennis) and so many others. Blessings to every one of all the fond memories she has of folks here at BVLC.

Peace and Blessings, Anita

## *Beaver Valley* MEN—



On January 6<sup>th</sup>, the men of the congregation are invited out to Troy and Kathy Dawley's farm for 7:00 a.m. breakfast. They live one mile south of the church on the west side of the road. Their address is 26347 484<sup>th</sup> Ave.

It just so happens, that this January 6<sup>th</sup> Thursday is the day of **Epiphany** in the Church. So, the morning devotion will be a chance to spend a few minutes remembering the arrival of the magi (three wise men) to visit the Christ-child. The significance of this day is that this happening opened the door for Christianity to be proclaimed to the Gentiles, too.

Thank you to the many who provided food for our December 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday morning breakfast together. It was wonderful to have newly installed "Church on the Street" pastor Chris Matson as our guest speaker.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**



# Church Council

## December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Attendees:** Harlene Drew, Brittany Gerovac, Corey Maunu, Bruce Bonander, Sue Johannsen, Linda Wingate, Michael Gross, Rick Bonander, David Schnabel, Kevin Petterson, Kathy Reisenweber, Pastor Greg Johnson, Stacy Soldatke, Liberty Lenling.

**Absent:** David Vanden Hull

**Call To Order:** Kevin Petterson

**Devotions and Treats:** Pastor Greg Johnson

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

**MMSC: Motion to Approve November Minutes was made by Bruce Bonander and Seconded by Sue Johannsen. Motion Carried**

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

- Insurance will be paid out this month, which is normal.
- Pastor Greg asked about a line item
- Stacy talked about \$7254. 25 in Benevolence and if we want to give that out.

**Motion was made by Michael Gross and Seconded by Kathy Reisenweber to give \$1000 to Valley Springs School to help fund the Angel Program. Motion Carried**

**Motion was made by David Schnabel and Seconded by Kathy Reisenweber to give \$1000 to Church on the Streets. Motion Carried**

**Motion was made by Pastor Greg Johnson and Seconded by Brittany Gerovac to give the 6% giving for December to World Hunger. Motion Carried**

**Motion was made by Rick Bonander and Seconded by Pastor Greg Johnson to give the remaining amount to Shetek, Saint Dymas, Saint Frances House, and The Banquet equally divided (\$1313.56). Motion Carried**

- If we come in negative on Budget, what would not get paid was asked by Harlene Drew? Stacy answered that we have a General fund we would use and adjust the following year. The budget is estimates.
- Stacy talked about the next year's budgets.
- Brittany talked about the new Education Budget
- Greg talked about it was not planned to redo our Web site this last year, but it needed to be done
- Talk on making Media its own line item. Discussion was to challenge the Church to up Maintenance from 6% to 7% to cover. Tabled till next month

**Motion to Approve October's Treasurer's report was made by Brittany Gerovac and Seconded by David Schnabel. Motion Carried**

**Motion to Approve November Treasurer's report was made by Kathy Reisenweber and Seconded by Linda Wingate. Motion Carried**

**Business:**

- New Girl Scout Daisy Troop would like to use the Church twice a month. Discussion had that would be fine
- Sue Johannsen is requesting \$375 to pay for her to take a class and start a Church Nursing Program to help the Congregation. Discussion was had on what it would all do. Sue talked about blood pressures, outreach and would start small and let it develop.

**Motion was made by Rick Bonander and Seconded by Michael Gross to give Sue \$500 to take the class and purchase some materials. Motion carried**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemetery Committee:** No Report

**Church in Society:** No Report

**Education and Youth Ministry:**

Middle schoolers are talking about an Escape room, Lots of Christmas things happening around the Church.

**Evangelism and Outreach:**

Banners going up, Website, lots of things for the Holidays happening.

**Media:** No Report

**Personnel:**

Worked hard on Budget, looking into different health insurance, Treasurer's position has been offered to someone.

**Property:**

One class room needs new lighting, hallway and others have been changed out, received a letter about 3 corner tree's being an intersection sight problem. Looking into what can be done.

**Stewardship:** No Report

**Worship & Music:**

Coming together for Christmas Eve

**Beaver Valley Alive:** No Report

**Beaver Valley Churchmen:** Switching to once a month for now

**Beaver Valley Women:**

Tuesday advent service with 14 Women, talk about a regathering

**Pastor's Report:**

- # of guests coming to worship is rising again. Working on following up with visitor cards.
- Parish Life Group this Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, will reach out to everyone before then. Getting back to our strengths, Hospitality.
- Good Adult Ministry this week with Women's Advent Bible Study and Men's Breakfast welcomed Pastor Chris Matson to talk with 25 in attendance.
- Confirmation youth will be joining Church on the Street on December 15<sup>th</sup> giving out warm blankets and clothing.
- Plans coming together for outdoor and indoor Christmas Eve Services. Looking for a few more people to help.
- Sabbatical timeframe: May 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup>. Will still be around. Using an offsite work space to do filming. This will be a good thing to help our congregation and smaller churches with educational materials.
- Asking for an approval tonight to do a salary reduction agreement of \$12,000 for the 2022 Budget. Pastor Greg said it is something that he is glad he can do. He and Nancy are in a good place in life.

**Motion was made by Corey Maunu and Seconded by Sue Johannsen to do a Salary Reduction Agreement with Pastor Greg Johnson, to reduce his Salary by \$12,000 for the 2022 Budget year. Motion Passed**

**MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Bonander and Seconded by David Schnabel. Motion carried**



# JANUARY 2022

WORSHIP LEADERS - JANUARY - 2022					
	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 23	JANUARY 30
Greeters Upper:	Randy & Bonnie Nelson	Robert & Beverly Maxwell	Alan & Ellen & Nolan Schmidt	Judy Richards Liberty Lenling	Wayne & DeEtta Myers
Greeters Lower:	Bruce & Lynne Bonander	Kevin & Kim Petterson	LeRoy & Virginia Pappenfus	Scott & Sarah Rust	Lowell & Mary Johnson
Lectors:	Janet Andersen	Harlene Drew	Sylvia Benson	Jessica Gross	Nancy Johnson
Children's Sermon:	Bruce Bonander	Beth Flier	Brittany Gerovac	Sue Johannsen	Mary Lee
Ushers:	Dale & Krista Hanson	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	Mike & Cheryl Hluchy	Dan Feeken Mike Swenson	Kelly & Julie Wright
Communion Preparers:	Lowell & Mary Johnson, Sherry Peer	NONE	Lowell & Mary Johnson, Sherry Peer	NONE	NONE
Communion Servers:	Terry & Kate Brick Kevin & Georgia Backer	NONE	Gary Parker Kathy Reisenweber Dan & Trish Steen	NONE	NONE
Communion Bread:	Linda Gjoraas	NONE	Linda Gjoraas	NONE	NONE
Nursery:	None	None	None	None	None
Media:	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken
Flags:	Kevin Backer	Joel Flier	Gary Parker	Scott Rust	Ethan Wright
Church Bell:	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Sunday Offering Counting:	Dan Feeken Dale Hanson	Kelly Wright Marvin Burkman	Sue Johannsen Kevin Backer	Dan Feeken Dale Hanson	Dave Schnabel Kelly Wright

**Note: If you are unable to serve on the date assigned or need to make changes to the schedule, please notify Bonnie Nelson at 605-582-2298 or call the church office at 582-3504 or swap dates with someone assigned to the same category. Thank you.**



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF B.V. ON THEIR SPECIAL DAY!

Kara Flier	1/3	Ashley Wingate	1/21
Cody Holz	1/3	Devin Berndt	1/22
Susan Lere	1/3	Jack Kloth	1/22
Darrell Helgeson	1/4	Lauryn Kloth	1/22
John Burkman	1/5	Michael Kloth	1/22
Georgia Backer	1/8	Vicki Sieck	1/22
Brian Roberts	1/8	Jenny Miller	1/23
Bill Dawley	1/9	Lucas Maunu	1/24
Nicole Duin	1/9	Richard Bonander	1/25
Tanner Riley	1/9	Crystal Burkman	1/26
Kevin Sirovy	1/9	Emily Shum	1/26
Ellen Dawley	1/10	Payton DeJong	1/27
Susan Eide	1/10	Jeane Wright	1/27
Scott Hanson	1/10	Samantha Keil	1/28
Elizabeth Hedman	1/10	Lily Cerwick	1/29
Liberty Lenling	1/10	Greg DeVaney	1/29
Kelly Nelson	1/10	James Olson	1/29
Corey Sitzmann	1/10	Kim Petterson	1/29
Brittany Gerovac	1/13	Janet Scott	1/29
Tucker Kiefer	1/13	Katlyn Soldatke	1/29
Tom Halvorson	1/16	Peyton Waldner	1/29
Richard Schwanke	1/16	Kelly Wright	1/29
JoAnn Keyser	1/19	Lincoln Kiefer	1/30
Dustin Josten	1/20	Lucille Tille	1/30
(Knudson)		Michele Olesen	1/31
Jeremy Lawrence	1/20	Madisyn Rust	1/31
Melissa Bennett	1/21	Rebecca Thompson	1/31

### Annual Reports Available

Pick up your copy of the Annual Report starting  
Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

# JANUARY 2022

[www.beavervalleylutheran.org](http://www.beavervalleylutheran.org)

Worship online anytime!

Sunday Worship at 9:30am is **Livestreamed** on YouTube. Log on to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.

1  
10:30a  
ACOA



2  
9:30a Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30a Coffee Fellowship  
**No Sunday School**  
**No First Sunday Evening Worship**

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Preschool Resumes (Mon, Wed, Fri Group)

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Preschool Resumes (Tues, Thurs Group)  
3:30p Pastor's Text Study

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6:45p Confirmation  
7:00p Adult Choir

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7:00a Men's Breakfast at Troy & Kathy Dawley's House  
6:30p Education Committee Meeting  
Women's Retreat at Swan Lake (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)

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10:30a  
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9:30a Worship  
10:30a Coffee Fellowship  
10:35a Winter Rally "All Parent" youth ministry meeting  
4:00pm Worship at Bethany

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3:30p Pastor's Text Study

12  
6:45p Confirmation  
7:00p Adult Choir

13  
7:00p Church Council Meeting

14  
15  
10:30a  
ACOA

16  
9:30a Worship with Holy Communion  
10:30a Coffee Fellowship  
10:35a Sunday School  
Annual Reports Available  
5:00p Staff Christmas Party

17  
Small Wonders Preschool - No School

18  
3:30p Pastor's Text Study  
6:30pm Women's Epiphany bible study (Zoom available)

19  
6:45p Confirmation  
7:00p Adult Choir  
7:45p Music/Worship Committee Meeting

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21  
22  
10:30a  
ACOA

23  
9:30a Worship  
10:30a Coffee Fellowship  
10:35a Sunday School

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9:30am Helping Hands  
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10:35a Sunday School  
10:45am Annual Meeting

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