



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 **September 2021**

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 26th
2021

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 1st, Wednesday, 7:00pm -

LAST Wednesday Outdoor Worship in Pavilion

Confirmation Kick Off (6th-9th Grade) – Wednesday, September 8th, 6:45pm

Adult Choir Begins – Wednesday, September 8th, 7:00pm

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, September 9th, 7:00pm

Rally Sunday – Sunday, September 12th, 10:35am

Blood Drive @ Beaver Valley – Wednesday, September 15th, 2:00-6:00pm

First Full night of Confirmation – Wednesday, September 22nd, 6:45pm

9th Grade Confirmation - Wednesday, September 22nd, 8:00pm



“God’s Work, Our Hands” (*all year long*)

On Sunday, September 26th, many of us will dig out our yellow, “God’s Work, Our Hands” t-shirts and put them on as we go out into the surrounding community and surprise folks with our willingness to serve. Across the country ELCA congregations are choosing to mobilize during the month of September as we, together, visibly serve the needs of others. (see details in this Tidings)

To once a year intentionally show others that we care about the community around us is not a bad thing. I think we can defend making a public display of our willingness to be the living church, really believing that God has empowered us and expects us to be in the business of “letting our yellow t-shirts stand out so that others may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.” (sorry, a rough paraphrase of our baptismal service).

But, I can’t help but add, isn’t the work of God done with *our hands* every day of the year? Isn’t the very heart of Christianity made known in our serving? It is impossible for me not to think of what I call the “final measure” spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 25:

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,^[g] you did it to me.’

The faithful followers of Christ will be the ones found to have spent their lives serving the needs of others. No mention of yellow t-shirts. No mention of one Sunday in one month. No mention of photos for the newspaper.

So, yes, on September 26th, let’s put our t-shirts on and have a great day going out after worship is over and helping folks with early fall clean-up of yards, washing of windows, etc. (No harm in reminding the world what we are all about.) But, more importantly, let’s keep being faithful Beaver Valley all the rest of our days as well!

With you in ministry,

Pastor Greg Johnson

THE LIFE HE PROMISES *WILL* PREVAIL

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



I planted a garden last summer during the pandemic. Here in Chicago, March and April 2020 were cold and dreary. And it snowed. All around us was the oppressive reality of COVID-19: the lockdown, the fear, the daily grim statistics of rising cases and deaths, the isolation. I longed for a project that would look to the future and be life-giving. A garden would be just the thing.

I planted green beans and tomatoes, basil and lavender. I even planted raspberry canes, which turned out to be a challenge because there was a run on them—everybody must have been planting their own patch of Eden. I also planted petunias for a splash of color. When all was in, I admired the colors and waited for vegetables to grow.

With human beings in quarantine, the rest of creation had a chance to breathe and thrive. The smog had abated so much in India that people could see the Himalayas for the first time in decades. Penguins roamed the streets of Cape Town, South Africa, and mountain goats strolled through towns in Wales. I heard coyotes howling at night in my urban neighborhood. Rabbits and squirrels had the run of the place. At first this was a welcome sign of life flourishing despite the pandemic. But soon the rabbits and squirrels became brazen, and they turned their attention to my garden.

The squirrels chewed the raspberry canes down to a nub. The rabbits treated my petunia bed and green beans like an all-you-can-eat salad bar. Just as the tomatoes were beginning to ripen, the squirrels took them right off the vine. It was maddening. I tried all kinds of deterrents—Tabasco sauce mixed with dish soap, chunks of Irish Spring soap tied to stakes, constant vigilance—all to no avail. I even considered the possibility of an air rifle, but I'm pretty sure that there is an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of weapons in the city limits.

Eventually I came to believe that the rabbits and squirrels had formed an unholy alliance and were

organizing against me. My suspicions were confirmed when I found tiny copies of *Watership Down* (the rabbit liberation manifesto) tucked in the bushes. All that was standing by the end of the season was the lavender, which I found remarkable because I was sure they would have taken the opportunity to fashion little wreathes to adorn their burrows and nests. To add insult to injury, the rabbits kept producing more little bunnies. They were adorable! Darn it!

I planted a garden this summer. Green beans, tomatoes, lavender, basil, zucchini, sage, rosemary and thyme. Flowers will follow soon. The rabbit and squirrel populations are robust, and it doesn't help that my husband feeds the squirrels and has given them names. I thought about constructing a garden compound topped with razor wire, but I'm not going to do that. I will try the traditional methods of Tabasco sauce, dish soap, Irish Spring soap and vigilance. I will also place some fencing around the green beans and tomatoes. And I will hope.

Legend has it that Martin Luther once said: "If I knew that the world were to come to an end tomorrow I would plant an apple tree today." This is a powerful statement of faith in the God who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the confidence that, when "he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed), God will restore all of creation and this will be a good end.

This is the faith which declares that through pandemics, droughts, floods, famine, deadly bigotry, war, all the death-dealing things in nature and the human heart, life—the abundant life that Jesus promises—will prevail.

Plant something in the summer. †

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Her email address is bishop@elca.org.



September Highlights



September 1st, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – LAST Wednesday Outdoor Worship in Pavilion

Please note, *our LAST outdoor Wednesday evening chapel service will be held on Wednesday, September 1st. This evening service will be replaced with a new outdoor, Pavilion worship option: “First Sunday Evening Worship” at 6:00 p.m. starting October 3rd. This short, half hour service will be a devotional version of the full hour long, in-the-sanctuary worship from that morning. Find your sweaters and jackets...we are going to run with this worship service as far into the early winter as we can.*

September 2nd, Thursdays, 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Tailgators

Men, join us! We meet at Tailgators for breakfast. This is our chance for some “small group” time. You can also still join on Zoom. Please see mid-week emails for Zoom details. Get on the call and join in.



September 2nd, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

This committed group will meet to put the finishing touches on all that goes into the start of Sunday School on September 12th. Please register your children on-line (go to www.beavervalleylutheran.org) or simply call the church office and we will get your information.



September 2nd, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 150th Committee Meeting

We are getting closer! Already in the fall of 2022, we will begin to honor the history and future of this congregation with a Sunday set aside to celebrate the sanctuary being 100 years old! This event really kicks off the celebration of the 150 total years of ministry that we inherit and build upon. Prayers for this busy group!

September 6th, Monday – Happy Labor Day! – Church office closed



September 7th, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – Helping Hands Worship

Approximately once a month, Pastor Greg leads worship at the Helping Hands assisted living center in Brandon. You are always welcome to join him and others for this small, devotional service.

September 7th, Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - Yoga in the Pavilion

Yoga meets on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the Pavilion with Beaver Valley’s own Gingi Hanson. Through meditation, stretching, and breathing techniques, you will be led to a sense of peace and well-being. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Gingi at 582-6448.



September 8th, Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. – Confirmation Kick Off

Our 6th-9th graders and parents will gather in the fellowship hall to make sure we are ready for a good start into learning the basics of faith. We will hand out new materials, agree on a schedule, etc. (see article on youth page in this Tidings)

September 8th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir Begins

After a summer vacation, the BVLC Adult Choir will get started again on this first Wednesday in September. Thanks again to director Shelly Berg and accompanist, Gingi Hanson for their leadership of this important worship team. New voices always welcome!



September 9th, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

The council will meet to conduct monthly business on this second Thursday of September. 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.





September Highlights



September 11th, Saturday, 3:30 p.m. – Alan Schmidt & Ellen Fiscus Wedding

New members Alan and Ellen are thankful for our prayers as we join with them in celebrating their marriage. Pastor Greg will officiate the ceremony out on their farm.



September 12th, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Rally Sunday

The hallways will be filled with energy and fun as children are registered, their pictures taken, meeting their teachers and singing in the choir. ALL of our youth will mark this as the beginning for a new year of faithful learning and serving!

September 15th, Wednesday, 2:00-6:00 p.m. – Blood Drive at Beaver Valley

Lutheran *The sign-up is posted in the hallway at church. Feel free to call during office hours to secure your spot, or, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/beavervalleysep15>*

September 15th, Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. – NO Confirmation

The regular class schedule will be on September 22. (see article)

September 15th, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. – Music & Worship Committee Meeting

September 19th, Sunday, 8:45am - “Joy” Parish Life Group Meeting

The last quarter of the year is soon upon us. The word will go out that the last almost forty households will meet in support of the various hospitality needs of our congregation. Thanks everyone for chipping in when your PLG takes the lead. It will be good to get back into this life-giving pattern of service work in the congregation.

September 19th – 21st, Sunday – Tuesday – Pastor Greg at Fall Theological Conference in Pierre, SD

Continuing Education events are required of pastors within the church. This fall, Dr. Samuel Giere, Wartburg Theological Seminary, will lead pastors in a four session conversation titled, “Preaching the Psalms.”

September 20th, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

September 26th, Sunday, 11:30 a.m. – God’s Work. Our Hands Sunday

Come to worship in your work clothes ready to go out and help folks with some fall cleanup work. PLEASE contact the church office if you or a neighbor would appreciate some landscaping cleanup, windows washed, lawn mowed and/or raked. Need not be members of Beaver Valley. Watch mid-week emails for more information.

September 26th, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – Worship at Bethany

You are always welcome to come up and be a part of the congregation at Bethany meadows (west entrance) at Bethany Homes here in Brandon.

Updated mailing address for students going off to school

God’s Creators are collecting updated mailing addresses for students going off to school. Provide your kids addresses, or if you know someone to include, please contact the church office and either **confirm** their current address or give the church their **new** address. God's Creators will use this for mailings to let the students know that their home church is praying for them. Please call the church office at

605-582-3504 or email bvlcmedia@alliancecom.net

Beaver Valley YOUTH

Armor of God VBS

Thank you to all of the families that came out for the Armor of God VBS! It was great to see all of the smiling faces as we came together to learn about the armor that has been given to each of us by God. During VBS the children heard the bible story, learned a song, saw a fun skit that included real armor and made prayer pillow cases. We ended the afternoon with a great pizza lunch and collected donations for the Saint Joseph's Indian School. I want to say a special thank you to all of the volunteers that made this day so amazing! We had 14 kids sign up for Sunday School and we are very excited to begin on September 12th. We will have registration forms at the church for anyone that still needs to sign up. –*Brittany Gerozac*, Education Director



Beaver Valley YOUTH



September Preschool Schedule

September 6th – No School – Happy Labor Day!

www.smallwonderspreschoolsd.com

Sunday School



It is almost time for the new Sunday School year to begin and we are so excited! With a new one room school house setup and the introduction of a new curriculum this year, it is sure to be a fun adventure! Sunday school will start with one of the children ringing the Sunday School Bell, we will then meet all together for an opening and a prayer that we will learn and memorize together. Next, we will watch a fun video about our bible story of the day and then either do a craft project or an activity. We will get all of this done in 30 minutes and then the kids have the option to participate in the children's choir. Families are encouraged to participate during

Sunday School with their children, but not required. Please look at the calendar below to see which Sundays we will meet. We look forward to seeing everybody on the 1st day September 12th! Please fill out the Sunday School registration form included or simply call the church office and we will get your information. – *Brittany Gerovac*, Education Director



Sunday School Calendar Sept-Oct 2021

- September 12th- **1st Day of Sunday School!!!** Lesson- Taming the Tongue James 3:1-12
- September 19th- Lesson- Jesus Welcomes Children Mark 9:30-37
- September 26th- Lesson- Pray for One Another James 5:13-20
- October 3rd- **Sing during church/** bibles will be handed out/ **No Sunday School**
- October 10th- Lesson- A Camel through a Needle Mark 10:17-31
- October 17th- Lesson- James and John Mark 10:35-45
- October 24th- Lesson- Jesus Heals Bartimaeus Mark 10:46-52
- October 31st- **No Sunday School/**Confirmation Sunday



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021 - 2022

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Baptism Date _____ Grade _____

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Baptism Date _____ Grade _____

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Baptism Date _____ Grade _____

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Baptism Date _____ Grade _____

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date _____ Age _____ Baptism Date _____ Grade _____

Parent Contact:

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Preferred way to contact you: PHONE EMAIL TEXT (please circle)

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

Preferred way to contact you: PHONE EMAIL TEXT (please circle)

Emergency Contact (other than parents) Name of persons who may pick up this child from Sunday School

Name _____ Phone# _____

Relationship _____

Name _____ Phone# _____

Relationship _____

Allergies/Medical conditions or other concerns: _____

Does your child have an epi-pen? YES _____ NO _____

If I am not available, and a medical emergency arises, the supervising teacher has my permission to seek medical help at:

Hospital _____

I give permission to take my child's picture for classroom projects and/or church website ____ Yes ____ No

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Beaver Valley YOUTH

YOUTH: Confirmation



Beaver Valley's Confirmation program is at the center of my work in this congregation. These kids, from 6th-9th grade, along with their parents, will gather on **September 8th at 6:45 p.m. for our "Confirmation Kickoff" night.**

For our 6th graders, this is the night to get registered for the first time for this three year+ program. They will receive their copy of the "I Send You" curriculum, their new NRSV Study Bible and their copy of the Here We Stand student handbook (all given to them as a gift by our congregation by the way).

As well, the 9th graders (twelve of them) will be given their copy of Rev. Deitrich Bonhoeffer's Life Together which provides background reading as they prepare their faith statements for their Sunday, October 31 Confirmation Milestone event.

Also, I am again asking for adults to step in and help as **Confirmation Guides**. Please feel free to contact me and we can talk about the role that these adults play in the faith formation of our youth.

Senior High



Our 9th through 12th graders are the classes that will come together for learning, socializing, concert going and servant tripping. On Sunday evening, August 22nd, some of our youth gathered to look ahead to the weekly gatherings of this group as well as to look way out ahead to next summer where we could both attend our ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN as well as load up and drive way out to western Montana to backpacking out of the base, Christikon bible camp.

We realized after our meeting on the 22nd, that we had some questions that need to be answered about the big trip we might take in next summer. There was interest from some kids in the backpacking trip and others more interested in attending the NYG. That we can work with!

As more information comes in we will be able to figure things out. IN THE MEAN TIME, our 9th -12th graders will be encouraged to **sign up** for which of these trips are of interest. **Sign-up sheets** are now posted in the Senior High youth room. To sign up just means that for now you are interested in learning more. We will need to make firm commitments to these trips later in the fall.

Also, we will need to sign up ASAP for the "For King and Country" Christian music concert at the Denny Sanford Premier Center on December 14th. Tickets cost \$25...they will go fast!

For now, this is what we know: on Sunday, September 12th, the Sr. High kids will meet in the Sr. High youth room at 10:45 a.m. to enjoy a donut and some juice, will check out the new interactive large screen TV (which was recently donated for the youth of the congregation by members) and pause for a start of the fall devotion, "What Next? (asking God to take the lead in our lives)". Looking forward to a great year of faith and fun! Pastor Greg

Special Needs: Media Ministry/Sunday School

(\$500 gifts sought)

The Covid pandemic has taught us some things. One of those lessons learned is that members and non-members alike are able and wanting to experience the Church in-person (as always) and more and more often remotely. The importance of having a solid media presence is not optional anymore. We need to have a consistent presence in many ways in the digital world.

With that being noted, the church council approved the mid-year hiring of Corey Maunu as Beaver Valley's **Media Ministry coordinator**. He will oversee the live-streaming and YouTube archiving of worship services and adult instruction. He will oversee the training of Sunday morning volunteers. He will work in making sure that YouTube content is properly "loaded" on our new web site and available for our Wednesday evening Alliance Communications television broadcast. He will work with office manager Kari Morgan in making sure that the web site is kept fresh and up to date.

We have also learned that having a person hired to focus approximately four hours per week on our Sunday School program (including the Christmas program and summer Vacation Bible School) will improve our ability to be flexible in offering parents a variety of ways to join in the teaching of their children throughout the various months of the year. The church council offered the **Sunday School coordinator** position to Brittany Gerovac.

With these two hirings, we face the short-term need to raise \$5,000 to cover the unbudgeted expenses incurred in the second half of the year. If you feel that the need is real and that you are able to help, ten gifts of \$500 are being sought to get these positions funded for the remainder of 2021. The congregation will have the chance make the decision in January of 2022 as to whether or not we should continue with these part-time positions that were created to target specific needs.

Kevin Petterson, President.

Gods Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 26th



Come to worship in your work clothes ready to go out and help folks with some fall cleanup work. PLEASE contact the church office if you or a neighbor would appreciate some landscaping cleanup, windows washed, lawn mowed and/or raked. Need not be members of Beaver Valley. Watch mid-week emails for more information.

PLEASE
GIVE
Blood



**COMMUNITY
BLOOD BANK**
THE LIFE BLOOD OF YOUR COMMUNITY



***Beaver Valley Lutheran Church
Blood Drive
Wednesday, September 15
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm***

Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh 110 lbs or more and be in good general health. If you are exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, you will be asked not to donate. Due to policies associated with COVID-19, you must have an appointment. To schedule your appointment log onto www.cbblifeblood.org, click on "events", Wednesday, Sept. 15, and Beaver Valley Lutheran Church or call 605-331-3222.

IMPACT LOCAL LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Looking Back at August

Having fun painting the Youth Room! ↓



↑ Senior High trip to St. Joseph's Indian School, August 1st

Sweet Corn Picnic! August 15th ↓



Dedication of the Pavilion, August 22nd ↓



Looking Back at August Continued...

Dedication of the Pavilion, August 22nd →



WELCA – September 2021

Hello everyone. Welcome to September. I would like to do a couple of summaries today. First of all I want to extend a sincere Thank You to all of those who were there to help with the Sweet Corn Picnic. It is what I love about our members at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church. I knew that I didn't need to worry about help. We served about 250-260 community and church persons. Although it is fewer than we have served in the past, those who attended stayed longer and seemed to enjoy the chance to reconnect. What a wonderful group to work with.

I will remind you that the monies from donations will to split between the Brandon Food Pantry, Feeding South Dakota, and the outdoor setting at our church. That amount is approximately \$3285 before supply expenses. My sincere thanks to Anita for helping organize and order our supplies. Please feel free to offer suggestions for changes or tips for next year. Using a committee of 9 worked very well. Having the men do the grilling and organizing the outdoor space was amazing. Thanks guys.

Please enjoy the fading summer. School starts soon.

Blessing to all of you, Sue

Thank you!

Dear Beaver Valley,

Thank you for supporting me through the years, both in faith and as a person. Even as I'm studying on the other side of the country, I will cherish my memories of this place and its people.

With love, Luke Feeken



Congratulations to our Sweet Corn Picnic quilt winner, Nicholle Schwanke!!

THANK YOU for signing up to deliver Meals On Wheels this August!

We delivered a possible 21 HOT meals per day. Weekend meals are delivered on Thursday's along with their hot meal for the day. Nineteen households are on the schedule.

22 Days, 225 Miles

It may not always be easy, but as a person of faith, God calls upon you to serve others and bring His light to them.

March of 2022 BV is scheduled to pick up and deliver again. Please consider this service!

A job well done by the following Beaver Valley volunteers:

Dan and Gingi Hanson, Harley Drew, Kathy Reisenweber, Mike and Heidi Schacht, Jim and JoAnn Keyser

- Beth Flier/Church in Society

CHURCH COUNCIL

August 12, 2021

Attendees: Harlene Drew (1st Term–2024) Brittany Gero vac (1st Term – 2024)
David Vanden Hull (1st Term–2024) Corey Maunu (2nd Term-2024)
Bruce Bonander (2nd Term-2023) Sue Johannsen (2nd Term-2023)
Linda Wingate (1st Term – 2023) Michael Gross (1st Term – 2023)
Rick Bonander (1st Term- 2022) David Schnabel (1st Term – 2022)
Kevin Petterson (2nd Term-2022) Kathy Reisenweber (2nd Term-2022)
Pastor Greg Johnson Stacy Soldatke (Treasurer)
Luke Feeken (Youth Rep.)

Call to Order: Kevin

Devotions and Treats: Harley/Kathy

Absent: Michael and Luke

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve July Minutes was made by Rick and seconded by Linda.

Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Stacy reviewed the treasurer report and stated that there is \$9,000 less this year than last year of this month. Expenses have been in line with the norm so it's just that the offering has been down. September is usually the worst month for giving. Some discussion on attendance in church and giving amount has increased in Autopay.

MMSC: Motion to approve the July Treasurers report made by Brittany and seconded by Rick.

Motion carried. Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.

Last month's treasurer's report was tabled by the council as Stacy was absent. After some discussion a motion to approve last months treasurer's report was made by Sue and seconded by David Vanden Hull. Motion carried.

Business:

- **Money donations to go toward unfunded part time positions for 2021 – ten gifts of \$500 sought.**
Pastor stated that we don't have the funds in the budget to pay for the part time Sunday School Coordinator and Media staff so he is asking for 10 gifts of \$500 to cover the cost of the new personnel until the annual congregational meeting. They will be considered contract labor at this time. The congregation can vote to make them part time employees or continue as contract employees and to include this in the budget. David Vanden Hull will work on the structure.
- **God's work. Our hands. September 12th?** Pastor stated that beigns the world is getting closer to normal he talked about completing another mission to help the community in various ways. It was a few years ago when we cleaned up the roads in the area. He was asking if we would consider volunteering to do something similar again. We could paint a home or clean up the ditches again. Perhaps there are some lawns that need to be mowed or looking at some home repairs. We will follow up on ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: Council Assignment, Rick Bonander -The mowing crew has been fabulous, and the trimming has been very good. They have requested three bids from companies for headstone replacements. It takes a great deal of time and money to replace new headstones. One business said they would need \$16,000 up front. Still looking at possibilities. The big mower will need to be replaced in the near future but we will run it until it dies.

Church in Society: Council Assignment, Kathy Reisenweber – Church members are delivering Meals On Wheels this month. Collecting food items this month for the Brandon Food Pantry. Bev has been working with the penitentiary to see if BVLC can worship at St. Dymas in October.

Education and Youth Ministry: Council Assignment, Brittany Gero vac – The mini–Vacation Bible school will be held after church on the 22nd of August. The theme is “Armor of God”, and they will be making Prayer Pillowcases. They have been advertising in various ways. 12 children have registered so far with a total of 29 including family members. She is working on the Sunday School schedule. Will be holding a one room schoolhouse vibe. 22 preschoolers have signed up. New playground equipment will be installed by the 25th of this month. Brittany’s grandmother donated the money for this equipment. Pastor reminded Brittany to bring the insurance and liability coverage verification to the office.

Evangelism and Outreach: Council Assignment, Linda Wingate, Michael Gross – Committee is discussing how to reconnect with people who have been sponsored but we haven’t seen for a while. Thinking of holding a Friendship Sunday. The Blood bank is coming on Sept. 15th from 2:00-6:00 PM. This will be advertised on media.

Media: Council Assignment, Corey Maunu, David Vanden Hull - The new website is live with just a few kinks. They are building a plan to keep things fresh. The television in the sanctuary is not working so looking at taking the television from the fellowship hall and putting it in the sanctuary. We could then purchase a new wall mounted 82-inch television, including a sound bar and mounting bracket, for \$1,500 to replace the fellowship hall television. Motion made by Corey to purchase a television, seconded by Rick. Motion carried. Working on Adult education recorded on-line courses to be available for everyone. Pastor has been researching YouTube as he wants to make clean and crisp courses that will grab everyone’s attention.

Personnel: Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull, Harlene Drew, Kevin Petterson – After interviews the Personnel committee selected Brittany Gero vac to be the Sunday School Coordinator and Corey Maunu to be the Media Director. These individuals have the potential to transform the church.

Property: Council Assignment, David Schnabel, Bruce Bonander – The senior high room has been completed painted. The woodwork still needs to be restained. Painting still needs to be completed in the Sunday School rooms and the hallway upstairs. David is changing the lights in the main hallway. He was able to purchase new grid lights for \$2.00 a piece and will replace them later this year.

Stewardship: Council Assignment, Linda Wingate, Kevin Petterson, Pastor Greg Johnson – Nothing to report but they will be meeting later.

Worship & Music: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson – Committee is working on special music. There are five individuals working on flute music. Men’s group will be providing music soon. Choir is starting up again in September.

Beaver Valley Alive: Council Assignment, Steering Committee, Janet Andersen, Larry Johnson, Kevin Petterson – They will be working on the electrical system.

Beaver Valley Churchmen: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson – Twelve men were in attendance this past Thursday. They discussed “living longer if you are generous and grateful”.

Beaver Valley Women: Council Assignment, Sue Johannsen – They are preparing for the Sweet Corn Festival.

Pastor’s Report:

- **Beginning to work with both Brittany and Corey in targeting immediate needs with their scheduled time and talents.**

- Chamberlain trip went well with eight of us joining in cultural dialogue with St. Joseph Indian – Pastor talked about the incredible time he and the kids had in Chamberlain. School's staff and tribal elder interpreter at the Akta' Lakota museum. They attended a ceremony which demonstrated the 'Making of Families'. He is trying to find a vision with which we can agree on.
- Will be readying five adult bible study segments for use across the congregation this fall.
- Nice to see more and more visitors back in church (time to have pew pads back in the pews?)
- Fall theological conference in Pierre-September 19-21 (will share room + mileage). Registration \$75.
- Confirmation kickoff Wed. September 8th. Getting back to adult mentors for small group breakouts. (need ten).

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Vanden Hull and seconded by David Schnabel. __Motion carried.

Let's welcome our new Media Director Corey Maunu!

Corey will oversee the digital ministries of the congregation. He will be making sure that all services are available through our Church website at www.beavervalleylutheran.org and social media channels through YouTube. He will also be recording and posting Pastor Greg's Adult Bible Study Series.



Parish Life Groups

The fourth PLG, *JOY*, has their first meeting **Sunday, Sept. 19th at 8:45 a.m.** They will look out over **October, November, December**, and consider the life of our parish. Leaders will be asked to step forward to be the contact person(s) when parish life events and needs arise or are formulated by the group themselves. At this meeting we will make sure that we have good contact information within the group itself. We will make sure that every household within that group during that three month period of time is specifically invited into the joyous, often servant work of Beaver Valley.

Denis & Janet Andersen

Joyce Anderson

Doug Anderson

Paul & Shelly Berg

Devin & Taya Berndt

Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford

John & Crystal Burkman

Scott & Laura Carbonneau

Bill & Donna Dawley

Greg & Shannon Devaney

Maria Engels

Corey & Brittany Gerovac

Harlan & Linda Gjoraas

Dwayne Goblirsch & Isabell Larson

Dan & Gingi Hanson

Mary Hanson

Susan Johannsen

Larry & Ardell Johnson

Robert & Jill Kiefer

Pastor Terry Knudson

Winston & Rebecca Loman

Martha McDonald

Ronald & Jeanne Nelsen

Randy & Bonnie Nelson

Don & Becky Nolte

LeRoy & Virginia Pappenfus

Tom & Ade Pederson

Curt & Doris Phillips

Judy Richards

Trudy Roberts

Terry & Karla Schneider

Gerald & Janet Scott

Dan & Trish Steen

Seth & Shannon Weber

Dawn Weyh



WORSHIP LEADERS - SEPTEMBER - 2021				
	SEPTEMBER 5	SEPTEMBER 12	SEPTEMBER 19	SEPTEMBER 26
Greeters Upper:	Rick Bonander Tammy Ford	Gary Parker Dan Feeken	Terry & Kate Brick	Robert & Beverly Maxwell
Greeters Lower:	Dan & Gingi Hanson	Leroy and Virginia Pappenfus	Randy & Bonnie Nelson	Scot & Sarah Rust
Ushers:	Dale & Krista Hanson	Kelly & Will Kruse	Lanny & Sylvia Benson	Kathy Reisenweber Joel Flier
Lectors:	Linda Wingate	Susan Kruse	Nancy Johnson	Harlene Drew
Children's Sermon:	Sue Johannsen	Brittany Gerovac	Bruce Bonander	Beth Flier
Communion Preparers:	Cheryl & Mike Hluchy – Wed., Sept. 1 Ann Beesley & Sherry Peer – Sunday, Sept. 5	NONE	Tricia & Dan Steen	NONE
Communion Servers:	Georgia Backer Winston Loman Michael & Heidi Schacht	NONE	Maxine Johnson Mable Wilcox Denis & Janet Andersen	NONE
Communion Bread:	Kathy Reisenweber	NONE	Kathy Reisenweber	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	David Vanden Hull	Dan Feeken
Flags:	Kevin Backer	Gary Parker	Trevor Fender	Scott Rust
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Dan Feeken Dale Hanson	Dave Schnabel Kelly Wright	Marvin Burkman Kevin Backer	Sue Johannsen Dan Feeken

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.



Phone: (605) 582-3504
26214 484th Avenue
Valley Springs, SD 57068
PO Box 128
Brandon, SD 57005

OFFICE EMAIL:
bvlcmedia@alliancecom.net

TIDINGS & BULLETIN
CONTRIBUTIONS:
bvlcmedia@alliancecom.net

WEBSITE:
www.beavervalleylutheran.org

WEBSITE CONTRIBUTIONS:
funkegirl@gmail.com

BEAVER VALLEY STAFF

Pastor Greg Johnson

bvlcpastor@alliancecom.net

Cell 605-940-5875

*(Pastor's cell is his 'second office' –
feel free to call him with any concerns
at any time on his cell phone.)*

Church office 605-582-3504

Kevin Petterson, Council President

kpetterson@qlf.com

Church office 605-582-3504

Cell 507-920-8603

Kari Morgan, Church Office

Church office 605-582-3504

Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 3pm

bvlcmedia@alliancecom.net

Ruth Tieszen, Organist

ruthtieszen@hotmail.com

Shelly Berg, Choir Director

Shelly.Trisko@gmail.com

Gingi Hanson, Choir Accompanist

gingi@alliancecom.net

Janet Andersen, Website Admin.

funkegirl@gmail.com

Joan Schuette, Prayer Chain

Requests

idschuet@aol.com



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

Angela Arndt	9/1	Angie Holz	9/17
Zoey Berghorst	9/1	Chris Surdez	9/17
Jeffrey McPadden	9/1	Heather Nelson	9/18
Briana Waldner	9/1	Katelyn Burkman	9/19
Janet Andersen	9/2	Diana Albers	9/20
Ruth Tieszen	9/2	Ashley Olesen	9/21
Brian Andersen	9/5	Beulah Parkinson	9/21
Jeffery Hansen	9/6	Rylee Steuerwald	9/22
Fern Fechner	9/7	Emily Roberts	9/23
Luke Feeken	9/8	Dave Schnabel	9/23
Spencer Wegner	9/8	Barb Swanson	9/24
Sonja Hanson	9/9	Lisa Hanisch	9/25
Anthony Surdez	9/9	Gerald Kuhnert	9/26
Joy Nelson	9/10	Jason Melcher	9/26
Krista Hanson	9/11	Jersie Melcher	9/26
Justin Myers	9/11	Brayden Rust	9/27
Judy Richards	9/11	Jessica Green	9/28
Kara Shroll Blue	9/11	Janna Kloth	9/28
Doug Sieck	9/11	Coe Melcher	9/28
April Boucher	9/15	Abbey Erickson	9/29
Dustin Guischer	9/15	Dan Larson	9/29
Tom Hanson	9/15	Shelly Renken	9/29
Chad Fechner	9/17	Darwin Surdez	9/29
		Douglas Clark	9/30



Save the Date!

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting –
Sunday, October 11th, following worship.**

SEPTEMBER 2021 www.beavervalleylutheran.org Worship online anytime! Sunday Worship at 9:30 am is now Livestreamed on YouTube Log on to www.youtube.com and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.			1 7:00p LAST Wednesday Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion	2 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Tailgator's 6:30p Education Committee Meeting 7:00p 150th Committee Meeting	3	4 10:30a ACOA
5 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	6 Labor Day- Church office closed	7 9:30a Pastor Greg at Helping Hands 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 6:00p Yoga in the Pavilion	8 6:45p Confirmation Kick Off 7:00p Adult Choir Begins	9 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Tailgator's 7:00p Church Council Meeting	10	11 10:30a ACOA 3:30p Alan Schmidt & Ellen Fiscus Wedding (at their farm)
12 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Rally Sunday – Sunday School Begins	13 Pastor Greg on vacation (13 th – 16 th)	14 6:00p Yoga in the Pavilion	15 No Confirmation 2:00-6:00p Blood Drive @ Beaver Valley Lutheran 7:45p Music/Worship Committee Meeting	16 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Tailgator's	17	18 10:30a ACOA Brandon Hometown Days
19 8:45a "Joy" Parish Life Group Meeting 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Sunday School Pastor Greg at Fall Theological Conference in Pierre, SD (19 th – 21 st)	20 6:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting	21 6:00p Yoga in the Pavilion	22 6:45p Confirmation Begins 8:00p 9th Grade Confirmation	23 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Tailgator's	24	25 10:30a ACOA
26 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Sunday School Gods Work. Our Hands. Sunday 4:00p Worship at Bethany	27	28 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 6:00p Yoga in the Pavilion	29 6:45p Confirmation	30 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Tailgator's 150th Committee Trip to Gustavus Adolphus College - Sept. 30th – Oct 1st		