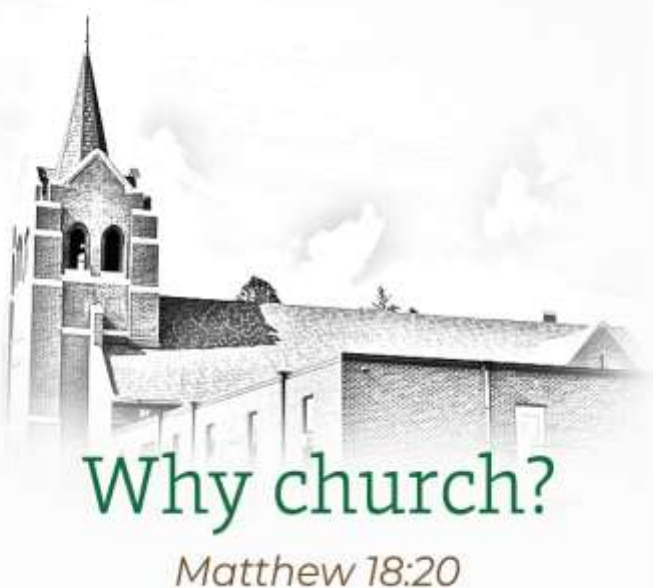




# **Beaver Valley** **Lutheran Church** ELCA

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 **November 2021**



**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**--Because It's the one place where I can bring *everything*.

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>**--Because we need to be together to remain calm.

**Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**—Because the serving people of God will inherit the Kingdom.

## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**First Communion Rehearsal** – Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm

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**New Members Received** – Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am

**Why Church? Commitments Due** - Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am



# Why Church?

(The importance of being together in Jesus' name)

Throughout the month of November, we will be digging into the fresh question being asked across the religious landscape: *Why Church?* The forced separation that was a vital part of riding out the pre-vaccine span of this covid-19 pandemic impacted the entire population of our nation in some way. Most congregations either stopped gathering for worship at all or only worshipped via such digital platforms as Facebook Live or YouTube's live streaming. In either case, people were not able to physically come together to worship and have shared fellowship.

Now that we are beginning to ease back into our public, physical gatherings, we are finding out how damaging the extended loneliness experienced by many has been upon our nation's psyche. In an article published in Scientific American, titled "Why We are Wired to Connect", author Garret Cook wrote simply, "We may not like the fact that we are wired such that our well-being depends upon our physical connections with others, but the facts are the facts." In this long article he speaks of studies that document the mental health decline in those of all ages who remain physically distanced from others for extended periods of time.

As people of faith, these conclusions ought not surprise. That Jesus said to his disciples, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20) is advice from God's self. That something sacred and holy and healing happens whenever we gather in our outdoor Pavilion or inside our church building is Good News. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit is at work whenever people are together to pray, share sorrows, sing songs of praise, share cups of coffee, and put to work the healing, serving ministries that make us Christ in this world.

Over the course of the first **three Sundays in November**, we will spend time praying over our congregation. We will ask God to give us new vision and energy for serving in a world that is yet off-balance as it deals with sickness and cultural division. We will each be challenged to answer the question for ourselves, "**Why Beaver Valley?**" Some have decided that they don't need to be in the physical presence of others to remain faithful. What do you think? What does God say?

Thank you for taking the November, stewardship month question, "Why Church?" to heart. I pray that many of us will feel called to step up in our financial and spiritual commitments to one another and for the work of Christ's Church on earth. Church council conversations this early fall anticipate that in 2022, we are challenging ourselves to increase our percentage commitments to both the maintenance of our property and the giving that we do for the sake of others outside our congregation. We are *already* this fall challenging ourselves to involve more adults in the teaching of more children...it is happening. We are *already* this fall challenging ourselves to take more seriously the power of media to increase the effectiveness of our Word and Sacrament ministry...measurable steps are being taken. All of this trusting in our shared, stepping-up commitments.

Statement of financial Intent Cards and our Time and Talents (yellow sheets) will be walked forward on Sunday mornings during this month. The final **In-Gathering Sunday, November 21**, will be inviting us to trust in our Jesus who reminds that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with you." Nancy and I, as just one household among many, will do this: we will ask God to help us see Beaver Valley as our life-blood: a place where we can trust in Jesus' very real presence and where imperfect people come together to be Christ to one another and this world that needs us.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg Johnson



# November Highlights



## November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

November 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last yoga in the pavilion for the year.



## November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, 7:00pm - First Communion Class/Rehearsal



Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will gather one more time to talk through the booklet, "A Place at the Table" and then spend time walking through the details for their First Communion and studying the various ways that the gift of Holy Communion is offered and received. These youth will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.



## November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

The adult choir has been moved from Wednesday to Tuesday this first week in November.

## November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – No Confirmation (Fall Break)

## November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Concordia College Orchestra (Moorhead, MN) at the Brandon Performing Arts Center

## November 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Worship at St. Dysmas

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church is invited and scheduled to attend worship with St.

Dysmas at the South Dakota Penitentiary on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm. For more information, please contact Bev at 605-335-1576.



## November 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

The work of continuing to build our "One Room School House" model of Sunday School is happening due to the leadership of this committee and our new Sunday School director, Brittany Gerovac. The Education Committee will be looking ahead to a December Christmas Program for our youth. The program will be the message for the morning on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.



## November 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 150<sup>th</sup> 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!



## November 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 2:00 a.m. – Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night!



## November 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – First Communion Sunday

It is a special All Saints/Holy Communion Sunday as another class of students receive their First Communion. Come and wrap them in the prayers of the church as they discover more fully yet the grace of God for God's people.

## November 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.—Children's Choir sings!

This will be the second time for this Sunday School choir to sing. Come to church by 9:15 a.m. to practice.





# November Highlights



## November 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - First Sunday Evening Worship in Pavilion



Join us for First Sunday Evening Worship out in the Pavilion on November 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## November 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class



## November 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

## November 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Harlan & Linda Gjoraas' garage (see photo & article on back page)



**November 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Veteran's Day - Honoring All Who Served** On this Veteran's Day, we pause and give thanks for those who have served our Country in times of war and peace.



## November 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – New Member Classes Begin

Help spread the word! No obligation to join. Come and learn about our church and see if it is a good fit for you and/or your family. If you are interested in becoming a member of Beaver Valley, please let Pastor Greg know or call the church office at 582-3504.

## November 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting



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

## November 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Bethany Foundation Fall Gala at the Country Club in Sioux Falls

In support of facility updates to enhance the lives of those in our care at Bethany Home Sioux Falls. Our committee has planned a wonderful Gala, and we are pleased to have everyone enjoy the event in person this year! Event starts at 5:00pm. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, every dollar of your donation through tickets sales, Silent & Live Auctions, and a 50/50 Raffle will be used for refurbishing Bethany Home Sioux Falls!



## November 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - Fall Organ Festival



Beaver Valley Lutheran Church and Aadland Pipe Organ Co. are co-sponsoring a Hymn Festival / Organ recital event on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church. Please come and participate in "raising the roof" in song with powerful hymns of praise from the most cherished festive church music traditions. Featured in this event will be Zachary Brockhoff, director of Music at First Lutheran in Sioux Falls, who is well known for his consummate talents in leading congregational singing with the pipe organ.

## November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.





# November Highlights



## **November 17<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 December. Thanks to Gingi Hanson, Ruth Tieszen, Georgia Backer and Sylvia Benson for their month-in, month-out help with worship planning.*

## **November 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – New Member Class #2**

## **November 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – New Members Received**

## **November 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Why Church? In Gathering Commitments Due**



*On this festive, Christ the King Sunday, we will walk our time, talents and treasure commitments to the front of the sanctuary as we give thanks for the many blessings that are our through Christ. In addition to the anonymous Statements of Intent and our yellow sheets, an additional offering basket will be up front to receive gifts given in support of the "Shelter of the Lord", Bethany Home campaign.*

## **November 25-26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday-Friday - Thanksgiving Break**

*There will be no Wednesday night activities in the church on this Wednesday prior to the celebration of Thanksgiving. The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and as always on the Friday of that week.*

Happy Thanksgiving



## **November 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



## **November 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Church decorating for Advent Christmas**

*The Altar Guild would very much welcome some new help in preparing the church building, especially the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. This is one of those fun mornings when coffee is on in the kitchen and many hands are making light work for the sake of busy hallways in December.*



## **November 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Guest Tom & Tammy Roberts**

*Tom and Tammy Roberts will be our guest at Beaver Valley on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be presenting their book, "Something About Christmas." The book will be read for the Children's Sermon on this Sunday. Come ready to purchase a copy of this limited edition book. All proceeds go to support the ministry, Children's Home Society.*



## **New Member Class #1**

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

Help spread the word! No obligation to join. Come and learn about our church and see if it is a good fit for your family. If you are interested in becoming a member of Beaver Valley, please let Pastor Greg know or call the church office at 582-3504.



# Beaver Valley YOUTH

## Small Wonders Preschool



### November Schedule

(Mon, Wed, Fri Group)

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Conferences

November 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> – No School - Thanksgiving Break

(Tues, Thurs Group)

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Conferences

November 11<sup>th</sup> – No School - Veteran's Day

November 25<sup>th</sup> – No School – Thanksgiving Break

October has been a crazy and fun month for our 22 preschoolers! We have learned a lot this month and have had many special days. Our special days have included Grandparent's Day, a Pumpkin Field Trip to Ms. Jill's Farm, a visit from the Brandon Fire Department, a Halloween party, and Trunk-or-Treating. We are excited for another fun month in November!



Parents helping with our new one room Sunday School model of teaching.

## Sunday School

October was a great month for Sunday School and we got to end the month painting pumpkins! From what I saw all of the kids worked very hard to turn their pumpkins into a masterpiece. Looking to November we will be singing once and having Sunday School only twice. This month will go by fast, but we will make the best of it. We are still looking for some parents to sign up to help with the videos to finish out 2021. By the end of this month you will see a calendar of Sunday School dates for the new year. I

look forward to another fun month getting to know all these great kids better! Remember if you haven't registered your child for Sunday School it's not too late. Below you will find our schedule for November. – *Brittany Gerovac*, Education Director

### Sunday School Calendar November

November 7th- Singing "Be Bold" in Church / No Sunday School

November 14th- Lesson- The Temple's Destruction Mark 13:1-8

November 21st- Lesson- Christ the King- Pilate Accuses Jesus John 18:33-37

November 28th- No Sunday School- Happy Thanksgiving



# Beaver Valley YOUTH

## Confirmation

A committed class of 18 confirmation youth just finished their early fall Baptismal unit of learning. October was complete with a trip to the Harrisburg Corn Maze (thanks to confirmation guides and parents for getting kids to and from the maze) and the kid's first quiz of the year (some good time spent with Martin Luther's Small Catechism).



Here is the schedule for our November as we get started with November:

- November 3                      NO CLASS      (Fall Break)
- November 10                   Lesson 6      “The Law”      Ten Commandment Unit begins.
- November 17                   Lesson 7      “You Shall Have No Other Gods”
- November 24                   NO CLASS      Thanksgiving break

With only two confirmation guide/student sessions this month, it will be vital for our entire group to be together. I look forward to meaningful, deep walk through the Ten Commandments this winter.

Also, in November, **Middle School “Youth Group” will begin meeting on Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 10:45 a.m. Adults are stepping forward to help make this a flexible time of coming together for our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Sometimes just a snack, check-in, devotion and done. On other Sundays this group will be involved in the life of the congregation...we might be calling these special Sundays servant Sundays. Thanks to Miranda Waldner for helping start this new middle school offering.

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## Sr. High—



Some big things will be talked about and decided in the month of November. First, commitments to go to **Christikon Bible Camp, outside Billings, MT**, will need to be made by the end of November. This nine day trip will be a memory of a life-time: backpacking in the Montana Rocky Mountains with two, college aged bible camp counselors helping guide not only the hiking but also the faith talk on this trip. Minimum of six youth required to book this trip. Cost, \$495 + transportation of approx. \$300 per person. Pastor Greg will lead this trip upon his return from his Mid-May-early July sabbatical.

The other big Sr. High event coming up in 2022 is the **National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN, July 23-28<sup>th</sup>**. This once every three year experience is “on” again. Registration is now open. The talk among many other SD congregations is that there are advantages to booking this closer than usual gathering through Lutherans Outdoors. Not only will the transportation be lined up, but so too will staff guide each bus load of kids. Cost approximately \$900.

Let's take advantage of our gathering on Sundays in the yet-finished Sr. High Youth Room—10:45 a.m., snacks and then a guest devotion leader. Sometimes this leader will come to us through ZOOM into our huge, new screen and sometimes the person will be physically present. Anybody for snacks on Sundays Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>?

# **Needed: New Treasurer at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church**

## ***Job Description***

***Job Title: Treasurer***

***Salary: \$3,000/Year***

***Reviewed by: Personnel Committee***

### **I. Responsibilities:**

- A. Primary Function: To manage and organize the financial records and the disbursal of funds necessary for the general working of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church. This function shall follow accepted accounting practices and sound money management.

### **II. Specific Duties:**

#### **A. Regular Duties**

- 1. Administer all BVLC funds.
- 2. Maintain, develop and improve the reporting and monitoring techniques used to communicate the financial status of the congregation.
- 3. Determine that all financial reporting requirements of government agencies are completed on behalf of BVLC.
- 4. Independently identify, research, and recommend to the Congregation Council resolution on issues pertaining directly to financial accounting.

#### **B. Monthly Duties**

- 1. Receive the deposit reports and all bank accounts monthly, and reconcile them to the church accounting records.
- 2. Prepare a monthly report of the financial status of the congregation for the Congregation Council.
- 3. Attend council meetings to answer questions about the report.

#### **C. Yearly Duties**

- 1. Compile an annual report of the financial status of the congregation reflecting all income to various funds.
- 2. Assist with the closing of the books for a yearly audit.

#### **D. Occasional Duties**

- 1. Work with the pastor, Congregation Council and the bookkeeper to prepare any special reports or gather any needed financial statistics.

### **III. Qualifications**

- A. Should possess good knowledge of internal control practices and generally accepted accounting principles and financial reporting requirements. Familiarity with QuickBooks accounting software is preferable.
- B. Should have familiarity with budget development and budget variance monitoring.
- C. Should possess the ability to meet deadlines and preserve confidentiality.
- D. Should possess the ability to work and communicate with colleagues and partners in a collaborative style while able to take initiative and work independently.



## **Michael needs help at St. Francis House!**

Michael Gross has for some years now donated his energies to the serving the Thursday noon meal at the St. Francis house. He has had some regular help until now. He is putting the word out to see if there are any Beaver Valley members who would have the time and the desire to show up at the St. Francis house each week to help serve the Thursday lunch. Please contact Michael directly at 605-929-0329 if you would like to join in supporting this important ministry.

## **Fall Organ Festival, Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm**

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Featured in this event will be Zachary Brockhoff, director of Music at First Lutheran in Sioux Falls, who is well known for his consummate talents in leading congregational singing with the pipe organ.



## **Pumpkin Spice Sunday was a huge success!**

Many thanks to the many folks from our Joy Parish Life Group that joined in making our Pumpkin Spice Sunday a really nice fellowship event for all ages.

The food was great! Thanks to all baked and put together the variations on pumpkin and spice goodies. The table over-flowed with orange treats!

Thanks to those who worked hours getting the pumpkins and art supplies all readied for the many who enjoyed painting and adding craft touches to their pumpkins.

Maybe we have started a new tradition? Word has it there is going to be a “next year” when we have cardboard box tops ready to help protect cars as still wet-with-paint pumpkin masterpieces are loaded into cars going home!

## ***Thank you!***

Dear BVLC Congregation -

Thank you for the generous gift card for staff appreciation. I am so grateful to be part of BVLC and enjoy every minute of my time spent there playing piano.

Thanks again, Gingi

Dear Beaver Valley,

I thank you for your kindnesses offered to me & our staff on October 10<sup>th</sup> – Staff Appreciation Sunday. It is an honor to work beside such good people!

Many Thanks, Pastor Greg

Dear BVLC,

Thank you for the lovely cards and gift card for Staff Appreciation Sunday. I am so appreciative and thankful for such great people to work with!

Thank you, Kari Morgan

# Church Council

## October 14th, 2021

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

**Absent:** Rick Bonander, Bruce Bonander

**Call To Order:** Kevin Petterson

**Devotions and Treats:** Linda Wingate

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

**MMSC: Motion to Approve June Minutes was made by Michael Gross and Seconded by Linda Wingate.**

**Motion carried**

Kevin thanked Brittany, Corey and Stacy for staff appreciation (As they were not able to attend Staff Appreciation Sunday) Kevin also thanked Liberty for accepting the youth position in January and for sitting in on this meeting.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve the August Treasurers report made by David Vanden Hull and seconded by Pastor Greg Johnson.**

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

- Expenses are higher, but that is partly because of the new website expense. Greg did mention it is always low this time of the year and the highest giving is at the end of the year.
- Michael asked if changing the fiscal year could help. Stacy talked about it needs to coincide with the synod fiscal year.
- Harlene asked what the organ fund was for. Stacy said it was for the maintenance of the organ. That it was a gift to the church for only that.
- Stacy talked about each committee needs to start thinking of a budget worksheet for end of year
- Dave asked if we need to start looking at increasing the percent set aside for maintenance. This led to conversation about our congregation's commitment to the unified budgeting process. Currently we have been at 6% of each General Fund offering is going into maintenance and 6% is gifted to others as our Benevolence gifts. Greg mentioned that our Church has a lot of visions and dreams for the Church. We also need to think who we are going to continue giving too. We did not adjust anything last year because of all the unknowns. It will be important to challenge the congregation to consider stepping up in our support of the unified budget. This will mean more set aside for maintenance and more given to others.
- Stacy also printed out expenses for each committee to look at to help with expenses.

**Business:**

- Stacy has decided after 5 years to retire as the Treasurer. Life has gotten busy.
- Dave V. said they are going to start the process of looking for a new treasurer. Greg made a comment that he has been in quite a few churches and Stacy is the best he has seen. Council thanked her for all she has done. The personnel committee and President Petterson agreed to meet right after the meeting to put a job description together that would be shared as soon as possible.
- **Adopt a Highway** Greg reached out to the highway department and a few things are: no cars on roads accompanying the group in the ditches; reflective vests are required, we must clean the ditches twice a year. They provide supplies. Sue said it would not be just 2 miles but 4 because both sides would need to be done. Michael

said that we should take this project on because it shows we are good neighbors. Brittany feels it is a big commitment and we could focus on other projects.

**Motion was made by Harlene Drew to move forward in, starting in the spring, Seconded by David Vanden Hull.**  
**Motion carried**

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Cemetery Committee:**

Committal tomorrow

### **Church in Society:**

7 members going to Saint Dysmas

### **Education and Youth Ministry:**

32 signed up for Sunday school, kids did a great job singing in church, working on 5,6,7,8 grade Sunday school, working on making a smaller library by the elevators.

Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 in the parking lot

Kathy asked about the bags for church service. Brittany will work with Ardell on updating them.

### **Evangelism and Outreach:**

New class for New members in the works.

Michael is looking for help on Thursday s to serve lunch at the Saint Frances house from 11 to 12:30pm

### **Media:**

Cory is looking for people to help with Media, new tv down stairs, tv switched out in the back of the sanctuary.

Cleaning out equipment and wants to sell off any equipment that is not needed. Discussion that is a great thing.

**Motion made by Sue Johannsen to sell anything that is not needed relating to media items, Seconded by Kathy Reisenweber.**

**Motion Carried.**

### **Personnel:**

Reviewing staff budget

### **Property:**

Dave received a call from Larry J. about putting in a new expansion tank at a cost of \$7500.

**Motion made by David Schnabel to spend \$7500 to replace the old expansion tank, Seconded by Michael Gross.**

Discussion that this is not part of the maintenance plan.

**Motion carried.**

### **Stewardship:**

Sending out packets next week, Pastor Greg talked about there is something about being “together” (Matt. 18:20 our stewardship theme for the fall), need to work on major gift *Mission Fund*.

### **Worship and Music:**

2 choirs have sung in the last 3 weeks, working on more touches and coming back together.

### **Beaver Valley Alive:**

Nothing

### **Beaver Valley Churchmen:**

No breakfast cook at tailgaters, meeting at Larry J. on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> in his corn crib, looking at a revamp

### **Beaver Valley Women:**

Fall fellowship was held at Beaver Valley, treat donations (\$\$) have been light lately.

### **Pastor's report:**

- Mental toll of Covid-19 and the importance of being together, importance of Pastoral care. Looking into Steven's Ministry or a Befriender Program. Sue is going to explore more, she found out about these through "Living Lutheran"
- Senior high youth room coming together, 9 getting confirmed
- Our need to support Bethany Home financially, "The Shelter of the Lord Campaign" an every household campaign...each member responds directly to the Bethany Foundation by November 21.
- New member class starting November 11<sup>th</sup>
- 2 new positions proving themselves already. Both Christian Education efforts and media enhancement part of any congregation's restart after Covid-19 let down.
- A more simplified Sabbatical for 2022. Not gone but the freedom to work on "I Send You", no budget impact, 200+ hours needed to produce 45 videos, for large groups or in-person small groups: the goal to deeply engage members and non-members in bible study/devotion/spiritual renewal beginning in 2022.

Discussion to review the mask policy.

- A few are watching on line because they are not comfortable to be back
- People are not masking for coffee hour.
- We still need to be mindful.

Decision to leave our encouragement the same "masks strongly encouraged".

**MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sue Johannsen and Seconded by David Vanden Hull.**

**Motion Carried.**

## **Bethany Lutheran Foundation Fall Gala**

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

**Country Club of Sioux Falls, Event begins at 5:00 PM**

**\$75 per person**

In support of facility updates to enhance the lives of those in our care at Bethany Home Sioux Falls. Our committee has planned a wonderful Gala, and we are pleased to have everyone enjoy the event in person this year!

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**Social Hour 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Dinner 6:00 PM**

**Live Auction 6:45 PM**

**East of Westreville Concert 7:15 PM – 8:15 PM**

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*Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, every dollar of your donation through tickets sales, Silent & Live Auctions, and a 50/50 Raffle will be used for refurbishing Bethany Home Sioux Falls!*



# The Shelter of the Lord Campaign



Psalm 91: 1-2

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

The new entrance canopy that we hope to build at Bethany Home Sioux Falls is intended to provide shelter for our residents, employees and guests as they arrive at Bethany. We believe this canopy is more than a physical shelter from the elements as we believe it also symbolizes the shelter of the Lord. It represents the promise that we find in Psalm 91 that "whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty".

Today, there is the need for the individual households of Bethany's owner congregations to come together and raise money for the canopy entrance to the newly remodeled Bethany campus. Beginning in October and concluding with the final gathering of gifts on Sunday, November 21, member households are being asked to give what Benton Lutheran pastor Tom Stadem is calling a second mile "love gift" in support of our bold commitment to raise \$110,000 to build what will be a proper and faithful welcome for all who come and go, and some who stay the rest of their days at Bethany. This giving will be up to each household—above and beyond one's yearly offerings to their own congregation; we hope you'll prayerfully consider a gift to the campaign. The Canopy is on the poster for the campaign and there is a Canopy Video as well. The need and the sacred purpose is real and you are already thanked by those who will be encouraged by our commitment to remain faithful in our work.

**Donations can be sent to: Bethany Lutheran Foundation**

**1901 S. Holly Ave**

**Sioux Falls, SD 57105**



WORSHIP LEADERS - NOVEMBER - 2021				
	NOVEMBER 7	NOVEMBER 14	NOVEMBER 21	NOVEMBER 28
Greeters Upper:	Rick Bonander Tammy Ford	Kevin & Kim Petterson	Randy & Bonnie Nelson	Judy Richards Jill Kiefer
Greeters Lower:	Scott & Sarah Rust	Larry & Ardell Johnson	Joel & Beth Flier	Lowell & Mary Johnson
Ushers:	Jim & JoAnn Keyser	Kevin & Georgia Backer	Kelly & Will Kruse	Kelly & Julie Wright
Lectors:	Tricia Steen	Linda Wingate	Susan Kruse	Nancy Johnson
Children's Sermon:	Mary Lee	Brittany Gerovac	Sue Johannsen	Guest
Communion Preparers:	Mike & Cheryl Hluchy <b>Evening Worship at 6:00 pm</b> – Troy & Kathy Dawley	NONE	Lowell & Mary Johnson Mike & Cheryl Hluchy	NONE
Communion Servers:	Denis & Janet Andersen Rick & Christy Johnson	NONE	Terry & Kate Brick Winston Loman Gingi Hanson	NONE
Communion Bread:	Christy Johnson	NONE	Christy Johnson	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull	Lucas Maunu	Corey Maunu
Flags:	Scott Rust	Kevin Backer	Joel Flier	Ethan Wright
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Sue Johannsen Marvin Burkman	Kevin Backer Dan Feeken	Dale Hanson Dave Schnabel	Kelly Wright Marvin Burkman

**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!

Scott Stuhr	11/1	Joel Flier	11/15
Cole Swenson	11/2	Larry Johnson	11/16
Alexa Kruse	11/4	Anita Schnabel	11/16
Ann Beesley	11/5	Allen Edie	11/17
Aiden Cormack	11/5	Lisa Frisbee	11/17
Deb Moritz	11/5	David Eekhoff	11/18
Jay Phillips	11/5	Troy Prohl	11/18
Asher Loman	11/7	Abby Clausen	11/19
Tony Dreyer	11/8	Gingi Hanson	11/21
Michael Hluchy	11/8	Dan Hanson	11/22
Briann Jacobson	11/9	Kirby Shroll	11/22
Casey Kuhnert	11/9	Cory Beck	11/24
Robyn Tieszen	11/9	Julie Wright	11/24
Linda Dawley	11/10	Doug Anderson	11/25
Stephanie Jensen	11/10	Brandon Berghorst	11/25
Caden Vanden Hull	11/10	Ryan Wingate	11/25
Austin Holz	11/11	Mike Swenson	11/26
Travis Krietlow	11/12	Meron Yitagesu	11/28
Paul Maxwell	11/12	Melissa Cormack	11/29



## Men's Breakfast now meeting monthly

For our new **monthly** gathering of the men, we are invited to Harlan Gjoraas' garage the morning of November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m.

Harlan and Linda live at 1221 East Cedar Street in Brandon.

Thanks to Larry and Ardell Johnson for sharing their corn crib as we gathered at their home this past Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. A great start with 17 men attending. Good food and good conversation!



<b>NOVEMBER 2021</b> <a href="http://www.beavervalleylutheran.org">www.beavervalleylutheran.org</a> Worship online anytime! Sunday Worship at 9:30am is <b>Livestreamed</b> on YouTube. Log on to <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.	1	2 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 6:00p Yoga in the Pavilion 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p First Communion Meeting Rehearsal	3 <b>NO Confirmation (Fall Break)</b> 7:00p Concordia College Orchestra (Moorhead, MN) at the Brandon Performing Arts Center	4 5:45p Worship at St. Dysmas (meet at SD penitentiary) 6:30p Education Committee Meeting 7:00p 150 <sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting	5	6 10:30a ACOA
7 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a First Communion Sunday 10:30a Coffee Fellowship Kids sing during Church - No Sunday School 5:00p First Sunday Evening Worship with Holy Communion  Daylight Saving Time Ends	8	9 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 6:00p Yoga in the Pavilion Pastor Greg out of the office (9 <sup>th</sup> )	10 6:45p Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir	11 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Harlan & Linda Gjoraas' garage No Preschool – Veteran's Day 6:30p New Member Class #1 7:00p Church Council Meeting	12	13 10:30a ACOA 5:00p Bethany Foundation Fall Gala at the Country Club in Sioux Falls
14 9:30a Worship 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School 2:00p Fall Organ Festival featuring Zachary Brockhoff	15	16 9:30a Helping Hands 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study 6:00p Last Yoga in the Pavilion for the year	17 6:45p Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir 7:45p Music/Worship Committee Meeting	18 6:30p New Member Class #2	19	20 10:30a ACOA
21 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion / <b>New Members Received</b> In Gathering final commitments due 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School	22	23 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study	24 <b>No Confirmation Thanksgiving Break</b> No Preschool - (24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> ) Thanksgiving Break	25 Church office closed 	26	27 9:00a Church decorating for Advent Christmas 10:30a ACOA
28 9:30a Worship 9:30a Guest - Tom & Tammy Roberts 10:30a Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School First Sunday of Advent	29	30 2:30p Internship Meeting 3:30p Pastor's Text Study				