



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 **February 2022**

Celebrating Love
"In Sickness and In Health"
VFW in Brandon
Saturday, February 5th at 5:00pm

Celebrating love

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Confirmation – Wednesdays, February 2nd, 6:45pm

Adult Choir – Wednesdays, February 2nd, 7:00pm

Education Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 3rd, 6:30pm

No First Sunday Evening Worship in Pavilion-Sunday, February 6th

Youth Ministry Task Force Meeting – Tuesday, February 8th, 7:00pm

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, February 10th, 7:00pm

Women's "Love" Bible Study & Coffee – Tuesday, February 15th, 6:30pm

Men's Breakfast at Kingbird Coffee - Thursday, February 17th, 7:00am

Confirmation - Stampede Game – Saturday, February 19th, 6:05pm



Optimism is for the Faithful

It's really o.k. if this is a prayer: "Dear God, help me see the good in the day and not give up on a better tomorrow." Optimism is what we are afforded as children of God. Not only "afforded," but optimism is the expected posture with which we live our every day, no matter how bleak the world around us might be.

Deitrich Bonhoeffer helps us with this conversation. From prison he wrote,

"It is wiser to be pessimistic; it is a way of avoiding disappointment and ridicule, and so wise people condemn optimism.

The essence of optimism is not its view of the present, but the fact that it is the inspiration of life and hope when others give in; it enables a man to hold his head high when everything seems to be going wrong; it gives him strength to sustain reverses and yet claim the future for himself instead of abandoning it to his opponent.

The optimism that is will for the future should never be despised, even if it is proved wrong a hundred times; it is health and vitality....

It may be that the day of judgement will dawn tomorrow; in that case, we shall gladly stop working for a better future. But not before." (from Letters and Prayers from Prison, p. 15)

As we enter a pivotally important year for our congregation, (*our annual meeting was a wonderful chance for us to turn forward, anticipating new beginnings for God's work among and through us as we emerge from pandemic just exactly as we have always been into a world that will never quite be the same*), I am optimistic. I have heard from you and you heard from me that we will not stop "working for a better future", trusting that that spiritual posture will keep us alive and working together in the sharing of the Good News.

In the coming year, I expect that our congregation can be a part of finding new ways to reach out to those who crave a good word. Perhaps it will be a live streamed hour of worship that God uses to help a child along. Perhaps it will be that visitor who finds the time and dares enter our building who discovers that "where two or three gather in my name" really is the gospel itself. Maybe it will be a Senior High student that sits around a Montana campfire and visits with a college-aged counselor about a future that can be embraced. Maybe it will be in what God does in and through the sacraments of the church that fans the flames of Beaver Valley's continued growth.

Wherever we in 2022 see signs of life, let us give thanks. And when unrest sits at our doorstep, let us pray for an optimism that God promises to sustain. For, as Bonhoeffer helps the faithful understand, it is optimism that creates beauty, not the other way around.

Blessings,

Pastor Greg Johnson



February Highlights



February 2nd, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. – Confirmation

We will be meeting back in person for this night of learning. Time to start thinking of our end-of-unit, pre-Lent party. We will start some of that planning on this night as we continue with our learning of the Ten Commandments.



February 2nd, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir

Thanks to Gingi Hanson and Shelly Berg for their faithful and artistic leadership of this choir. New members always welcome!

February 3rd, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

The Education committee continues to work on building the Whirl bible based, one-room-school-house model of Sunday School. Parents, please know that whenever you attend church with your child, the Sunday School lesson for the day is a complete lesson of learning in and of itself. You will go home with a sense that you and your child were a part of something that was complete.



February 5th, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Celebrating Love “In Sickness and In Health”

This night for adults is always a fun social event for members or friends of Beaver Valley Lutheran. We will meet at the VFW in Brandon, with happy hour starting at 5:00pm and the meal at 6:00pm. Call the church office or sign up in person by January 30th.

February 6th, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. – Sunday School Restart

Sunday School will resume on this first Sunday in February for all youth Pre-K through Sr. High School. We will meet promptly after worship at 10:35am.

February 8th, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Youth Ministry Task Force Meeting

This will be the first meeting of this new group. The work that is envisioned is intended to reshape our Confirmation and Senior High program. Some things are going well, other things either need improving or starting from scratch. It's not too late to add your name to this group...adults with kids in these grades and youth are both invited to be a part of creating a new look to our youth ministry program.



February 10th, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

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



February 14th, Monday – Happy Valentine's Day!!





February Highlights



February 15th, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – Women’s “Love” Bible Study & coffee fellowship



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February 16th, 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 March. Thanks to Gingi Hanson, Ruth Tieszen, Georgia Backer and Sylvia Benson for their month-in, month-out help with worship planning.



February 17th, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Kingbird Coffee in Brandon

Men, join us! We will meet at Kingbird Coffee (one block north of the Brandon Arby’s on the west side of the road) for breakfast. We will order from the menu. This is our chance for some faith talk and planning for 2022.



February 17th, 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!



February 19th, Saturday, 6:05 p.m. – Confirmation Night Out–Stampede Game

Confirmation Youth are going to the Stampede Hockey game on Saturday evening, Feb. 19th. We have purchased twenty \$10 tickets for this youth group night. Sign up on the youth bulletin board to get your ticket reserved! We will talk about adult drivers, etc. as we get into February. You don’t want to miss the wiener dog races!



February 23rd, Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. - Confirmation - Ten Commandments Quiz & Mardi Gras Party

This will be a fun, last Wednesday night before our Lenten Wednesdays begin. Come ready to take your Ten Commandments Quiz and then we can have some fun and celebrate being the young church!

February 27th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Media Training

Corey Maunu will have Media Training on Sunday, February 27th during and after worship for those interested in learning. There will be some additional times for training throughout the coming months as well.

Beaver Valley YOUTH



Small Wonders Preschool

February Schedule

(Mon, Wed, Fri Group)

February 14th – Valentine’s Day Party

February 18th – No School

Feb. 21st – No School President’s Day

(Tues, Thurs Group)

February 15th – Valentine’s Day Party

2022 is off to a great start with the preschoolers! During the month of January the kids have enjoyed painting, meeting two of Harper's puppies, and our activity based on the book Not a Box. After reading Not a Box the big kids got into groups and were given a box to create something out of. We had a dinosaur, a robot, a volcano, and a unicorn. The kids were all so creative and loved working together to use the supplies they were given to create their vision. The pictures of the boxes are included for you to guess which one is which.

Brittany Gerovac

Sunday School



During the month of January we were only able to meet for one Sunday. On that Sunday while the parents were in a meeting the kids played games with the help of Morgan. They had a great time and shared many laughs! We have many fun projects and activities planned for the rest of the Sunday School year! We are still needing some parent volunteers to sign up and help make each Sunday great. Thank you to the parents that have already signed up! Below is our February schedule.

Brittany Gerovac, Christian Ed. Director

February Schedule:

February 6th - Jesus Calls Disciples Luke 5: 1:11 (Whirl Bible pg. 214)

February 13th - Trust in the Lord Jeremiah 17: 5-10 (Whirl Bible pg. 146)

February 20th - No Sunday School

February 27th - Jesus is Transfigured Luke 9: 28-36 (Whirl Bible pg. 314)



DRIVERS NEEDED IN MARCH

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church delivers hot, nutritious meals to the Brandon community shut-ins for the months of March and August. During these months, **we are in need of people to help deliver meals.** The meals are picked up at the Splitrock Tower Apartments 1100

Teakwood Street at 11:50 am. The red and blue bags are inside the front door. When picking up, double check the list to make sure there are no new additions for the Splitrock apartments, then deliver the meals in the apartments and continue with the city deliveries.

Active generations will exchange the red and blue bags each day with a new list. Keep track of your time and mileage each day. Sign off each day with your information and return list and bags to the Splitrock Tower Apts.

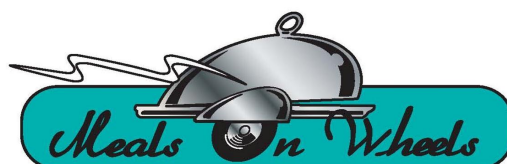
Please call me if you have questions anytime during delivery. Beth 605- 261-3796

There is a list of names and addresses, with directions on how to get to the residence within the city and Bethany Meadows.

Depending upon the number of clients receiving meals, it takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour to deliver.

It is a very rewarding experience. Delivering is easier with two people each day, one to drive and the other delivers the meal to the client. **You are needed for this service!**

Please sign up on the MOW calendar by the church office which will be posted in February. If you have not driven or delivered before, you need to fill out a volunteer application with your personal information. This form is necessary for liability for Active Generations. I will get it to you when you sign up. BF





FEBRUARY 2022

Welcome to February. Just a quick note to update you on the WELCA group. We joined a Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion on Epiphany. There were 10 of us present. Sally Rosin created a Three King's cake to celebrate the season. Thanks Sally ---- it was amazing and Susan Kruse found the prize. I have no new news for us to share at this time. Let me know if there are projects that we should address. Remember the upcoming Valentine's celebration for the members. February the 5th at the Brandon VFW. See the announcements and the sign-up sheet for additional details.

Happy February.

Sue

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Thank you!

Dear Friends of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your Congregation gift of \$1,313.56 to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without your generosity, Shetek Lutheran Ministries simply could not continue its mission of providing year around opportunities for Christ centered renewal and learning for all ages. You are truly making a difference in the faith building experience for the youth and families coming to SLM. Thank you for your gifts & prayers!

Sincerely, Marvin Nysetvold, Executive Director

Dear Pastor Greg and Beaver Valley Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the amazing donation to Church on the Street. We are so grateful for your partnership! Thank you for joining us at the laundromat and for all the gifts you shared. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

God bless you, Harriet & Pr. Chris

Bethany in need of volunteers to assist in providing quality care and services to our residents at all three of our locations. Bethany continues to experience staffing challenges due to COVID. Specifically, we are in need of help with the following:

- Dietary aide work – washing dishes and assisting with tray line (setting up trays for meal service)
- Activity assistant work – assisting with carrying out activities and transporting residents to/from activities
- Housekeeping assistants – cleaning resident rooms, corridors, and common areas
- Nurse aide work – passing linens and towels, passing waters, passing meal service trays, visiting

Some general orientation training will be required as is a tb test for anyone who volunteers for more than a couple of hours. Being fully vaccinated is also required per federal mandate and Bethany policy. We can consider religious and medical exemptions. Interested parties can email Deb Herrboldt at debherrboldt@bethanylutheranhome.com or Hunter Winklepleck at hwinklepleck@bethanylutheranhome.com or David Vinzant at dvinzant@bethanylutheranhome.com

Church Council

January 13, 2022

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

Absent: Michael Gross, Liberty Lenling

Call To Order: Kevin Petterson

Devotions and Treats: Kevin Petterson

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to Approve Treasures Report was made by Bruce Bonander **and Seconded by** Dave Schnabel. **Motion Carried.**

Motion to present 2022 Budget at Annual Meeting was made by Bruce Bonander **and Seconded by** David Vanden Hull. **Motion Carried.**

New Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: No Report

Church in Society:

- Bev Maxwell has decided to step down as the Beaver Valley Coordinator for St. Dysmas services. Will need to find a replacement. Thanks to Bev for leading this program.
- Church has 5 fire extinguishers on the property. Recommended that one of those extinguishers be moved to the front of the sanctuary.

Education and Youth Ministry:

- Positive comments regarding the success of Christmas program.
- Due to Omicron variant Sunday School will be paused through January.

Evangelism and Outreach:

- Committee worked on annual report/budget for the coming year.

Media:

- Looking ahead to New Year using enhanced equipment and a larger support staff.

Personnel:

- Darcie Johnson has accepted the Treasurer's position. Stacy will support Darcie through January and February with the transition taking place in March.
- Thank you to Stacy for her steadfast commitment to financial competence as Beaver Valley Treasurer.

Property:

- Concerns have been raised from communion services and lectures about navigating the steps in the sanctuary without a hand rail. Property committee will evaluate how best to resolve this issue.

Stewardship:

- Stewardship committee has prepared a document for the establishment of a Mission Fund. This fund is tasked handle major gifts for a particular ministry or as a permanent endowed gift.

MMSC: Motion to bring this proposal to the congregation at the annual meeting was made by Linda Wingate and Seconded by Harley Drew.

Motion Carried.

Worship & Music:

- Special music will be limited until further notice.
- Contemporary Worship will be offered once a month.
- Establishment of a Youth Ministry Task force. Taylor minister for busy parents and students.

Beaver Valley Alive: No Report

Beaver Valley Churchmen:

- Troy and Kathy Dawley hosted the January Men's Breakfast. Gathering of 13 had a very interesting discussion.
- February Men's Breakfast will be held at King Bird Coffee.

Beaver Valley Women:

- January meeting is scheduled for 18th. Working to re-establish relevance for members moving forward.

Pastor's Report:

- December stewardship mailing was a positive way to end the year.
- Sabbatical timeframe: May 22nd-July17th. Will still be around. Using an off-site work space to do filming. This will be a good thing to help our congregation and smaller churches with educational materials. Pastor has applied to the South Dakota Synod for a grant to produce 45 teaching pods which will be 45 minutes in length.
- All youth Benefit Dinner has been postponed due to the Omicron variant until later in 2022.
- Lent 2022 Theme is "Cultivating Daily Faith." Evening devotions in the Fellowship Hall with a light meal, hopefully.
- Celebrating Love: Brandon VFW scheduled for February 5th. Theme is "Love—In Sickness and in Health".

Recognition:

- Council thanked both Kevin Petterson and Kathy Reisenweber for their leadership and commitment as out-going Church Council Members.

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Bonander and Seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion carried



WORSHIP LEADERS - FEBRUARY - 2022

	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 27
Greeters Upper:	Randy & Bonnie Nelson	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	Kevin & Georgia Backer	Jim & JoAnn Keyser
Greeters Lower:	Rick Bonander Tammy Ford	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Harlene Drew Gingi Hanson	Alan & Ellen Schmidt
Lectors:	Susan Kruse	Mary Lee	Kathy Reisenweber	Gary Parker
Children's Sermon:	Pastor Greg	Mary Lee	Bruce Bonander	Brittany Gerovac
Ushers:	Kelly & Will Kruse	Michael & Jessica Gross	Dan & Tricia Steen	Julie & Emily Wright
Communion Servers:	Terry & Kate Brick Michael & Heidi Schacht	NONE	Rick & Christy Johnson Denis & Janet Andersen	NONE
Communion Preparers:	Troy & Kathy Dawley	NONE	Ann Beesley	NONE
Communion Bread:	Harlene Drew	NONE	Harlene Drew	NONE
Nursery:	None	None	None	None
Media:	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken
Flags:	Hunter Wright	Joel Flier	Kevin Backer	Gary Parker
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Sue Johannsen Marvin Burkman	Kevin Backer Dan Feeken	Dave Schnabel Kelly Wright	Dale Hanson 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!

Sharil Kirschman-	2/1	Cooper Hansel	2/16
Rollag		Keaton Jackson	2/16
Michael Tieszen	2/2	Chelsea Beal	2/17
Shannon Backer	2/3	Morgan Beck	2/17
Darcie Johnson	2/4	Jamie Sherman	2/17
Kolten Kessler	2/4	David Elofson	2/18
Arlyn Surdez	2/5	Riley Parker	2/18
Jefferson Myers	2/6	Andrew Hedman	2/19
Doris Phillips	2/6	Michael Lere	2/19
Carol Sandin	2/6	Michael Gross	2/20
Dawn Weyh	2/7	Shelby Fritz	2/21
Ethan Berghorst	2/8	Amelia Nelson	2/21
Brady DeJong	2/8	Linda Wingate	2/21
Elizabeth Jensen	2/8	Morgan Bobzien	2/22
Marlys Sands	2/8	Gail Hermanson	2/22
Kyle Swenson	2/8	Isabell Larson	2/22
Kimberly Cerwick	2/9	Krista Burkman	2/23
Kobi Green	2/9	Dale Hanson	2/23
Harlene Drew	2/10	Thomas Pederson	2/24
Derek Dreyer	2/10	Jason Haak	2/25
Cathy Roberts	2/11	Corbin Hansel	2/25
Brittany Mehlhaf	2/12	Will Kruse	2/25
Marcella Flier	2/13	Kathy Reisenweber	2/25
Crystal Holbrook	2/13	Travis Green	2/26
John Sherman	2/13	Josh Dede	2/27
Burnie Burkman	2/14	Baron Haug	2/28
Ed Cyr	2/14	Richard Steuerwald	2/29
Ethan Clow	2/15	Charlotte Waldner	2/29
Sue Olson	2/15		

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