



# **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 **December 2022**



## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**Wednesday Evening Worship at  
BLVC-Wednesdays in December,  
at 6:30pm**

**Church Council Meeting –**

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

**Men's Breakfast at Ron & Jeanne**

**Nelsen's home – Thursday,**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00am**

**Music Festival at Boom Chapel -**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30am**

**Children's Christmas Program at**

**Beaver Valley Lutheran -**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30am**

## *Christmas Eve Services*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday:*

**3:00pm – Christmas Eve Worship at Boom Chapel**

**5:00pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight at Beaver Valley Sanctuary**

**9:00pm – Christmas Eve Campfire Worship**



# “Hope does not disappoint us” (Rms 5:5)

If we lose hope, we are in trouble. Humans can handle hardship. The stories of those who have survived all kinds of accidents and injustices (because they did not lose hope in a better day or a rescue or a purpose of some kind that no one or nothing could steal from them) are plentiful. So, too, are the stories of disastrous endings for those who *do* lose hope, who can find no reason to keep up the fight.

Advent is a time of hope. More specifically, we begin Advent each year hearing God speak through the prophets to people who are in trouble—wandering Israel in need of salvation and rescue. In other words, the Church always speaks of hope in relationship to the realities of the broken world within which we live. Hope is not naive or escapist.

Sometimes the prophets are charged with chastising the people for the messes that they have made. But always, after the correction comes a calm, a promise from God: the nation and each person can start over and that the love of God for each is a promise that cannot be broken. Our hope is *not* based upon our circumstances, but upon our God-given ability to look ahead and trust that a new day is dawning.

St. Paul knew the importance of hope. He himself, has been beaten and is now in a Roman prison soon to be killed for his faith. And yet he has been given a hope that sustains him in his writing of letters that he sends to the new church at Rome encouraging them to trust in the power of God to carry them through the darkness of the day. He writes simply, “Hope does not disappoint us.” A good Advent prayer might sound like this: Dear God, sustain us in the midst of this crazy world. Help us not give up on our neighbors. Help us to keep singing and serving until you come again.

I know. I read the same headlines that you do. How many school, bar, workplace shootings were there yesterday? (I check the news feeds and I can find four separate killing sprees done by an insane shooter as I write this short article). How much in debt are we as a nation? Why are there increasing generational divides? Can we really be talking about the prospects of nuclear war?

The answer to the darkness so evident in our world is to not give up on the possibilities that are in our hands: read in this newsletter of our confirmation and Sr. High youth serving those in need right in the greater Sioux Falls area; read of candles lit on Christmas Eve (darkness will not win); read of our congregation’s powerful gifting again at the end of the year because we have all placed our gifts on the altar of God throughout the past year. Let us thank God for granting us vision enough to keep serving one another regardless of the headlines and the dangers that surround. WE can be the Hope that doesn’t disappoint!

Advent Blessings, **Pastor Greg**



## “The office is Open!”

Just a reminder as to the daily workings of our busy parish. Yes, the office is open as always! Kari is at her desk Monday through Thursday working as she always has at recording weekly offerings, overseeing the master calendar, communicating with Darcie regarding daily ministry details, getting mailings, and newsletters and bulletins “out the door!” To send information to Kari, please remember to use the email: [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org).

Pastor Greg is just a phone call away. He continues to ask you to either call or text him if you have any questions or information pertaining to the work of our congregation. He meets people for visits in one of our temporary offices often. If there is a pastoral care need, he answers his phone 24/7: Please feel free to reach out to him on his cell phone: 605-940-5875. (Currently, the Beaver Valley phone rolls over into Greg’s phone so that daily calls to the office are still being answered).

Church council president, Bruce Bonander, also invites calls or texts (no email) if a member has need to reach him (especially these days with our rebuild unfolding). You can reach him at 712-470-0370.

Thank you all for joining in the work of our busy congregation!

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Within hours of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, Valley Springs, S.D., being hit by a tornado, more than 100 volunteers arrived to help, and a local catering company showed up with food to serve a free lunch.



# LIFE-CHANGING GENEROSITY

*By Cindy Uken*

In the predawn hours of May 30 in Valley Springs, S.D., tornado sirens pierced the air, rain poured and windows clattered as they blew off hinges.

Beaver Valley Lutheran, a steadily growing congregation of around 420 active members, was directly in the path of the tornado. The church, more than a century old, suffered significant damage. Its offices, kitchen, fellowship hall and education wing were mangled into unrecognizable piles of debris, said Greg Johnson, pastor of Beaver Valley.

As morning broke, parishioners assessed the damage across the church's 11-acre campus. They wept among their prayers and then got to work. The cleanup group quickly swelled to scores of people, including passersby.

Johnson said the crowd continued to grow throughout the day, even as rain intermittently kept coming down. There were offers of immediate aid from other Lutheran and many non-Lutheran congregations. Johnson said nearly a dozen

area congregations also invited Beaver Valley's members to set up shop in their buildings "for as long as it takes you to rebuild."

"The experience of receiving hospitality is humbling," he said. "In the past, we have chipped in with prayers and sometimes with direct assistance when other congregations have had trouble. To be charitable is one thing, but to *receive* charity—the love of folks close and literally, in this case, from across the nation—is life-changing."

Beaver Valley's sister ELCA congregation, Brandon

(S.D.) Lutheran, less than 2 miles away, became its Sunday worship location this past summer. “They insisted on not only providing space and technical support for Sunday worship but will also be the temporary office for our time away from our campus,” Johnson said. “The love we have received and continue to enjoy has awakened us to the power of the large, communion-of-saints church.”

Monetary donations started to pour in soon after the disaster, too, from organizations, churches, individuals and businesses. Some money came from far away—and from young members. Johnson said one donation came from a vacation Bible school offering from children in Wisconsin. This gift inspired Beaver Valley members to encourage their youth to consider where they could send their VBS offerings this year.

A children’s Sunday school class also sent a donation. “What a wonderful lesson for all of us,” said Susan Johannsen, vice president of the congregation’s council. “Community matters. Our children learn life lessons this way.”

Johannsen said it’s difficult to put into words the emotional effect that the tornado and the generosity experienced in the aftermath has had on the congregation. “To experience the destruction and then to watch our neighbors, friends and community members pour into our parking lot that morning was overwhelming,” she said. “You cannot believe the willingness to dig in and do what was needed.

“We watched longtime members, families with young children, sister congregation members and just some who saw a need [show up]. They brought themselves, food, water and

supplies without asking. This was a nondenominational response. It still brings tears.”

Constanze Hagmaier, bishop of the South Dakota Synod, said more than 100 people were already on-site beginning cleanup when she and Alan Blankenfeld, the synod’s rural ministry liaison, showed up only hours after the tornado hit.

“Through the tears and shocked faces, there was also resilience and the desire to build back their church better than before,” she said. “The congregation was grateful that the synod was there to walk with them, and as we cleaned up, we began the process of working with Lutheran Disaster Response ([elca.org/ldr](http://elca.org/ldr)).

“We are so grateful for the quick response of LDR to help Beaver Valley, and I give thanks for the spirit of resiliency and togetherness in the congregation. I am confident that the future is bright for Beaver Valley, and they will continue to proclaim God’s word for many years to come.”

With so much construction going on in the area in the aftermath of the tornado, the congregation has yet to find a company that can begin removing the debris from within the layers of the building, Johnson said. The outside of the building has been beautifully restored, the cemetery is cleaned up, and everything is in order and comfortable in the outdoor campus pavilion where the congregation worshiped on Wednesdays when weather permitted.

“But the rebuild of our building will simply take a good measure of patience,” he said. “We are told we may well be living with our temporary arrangements into 2024.” †

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

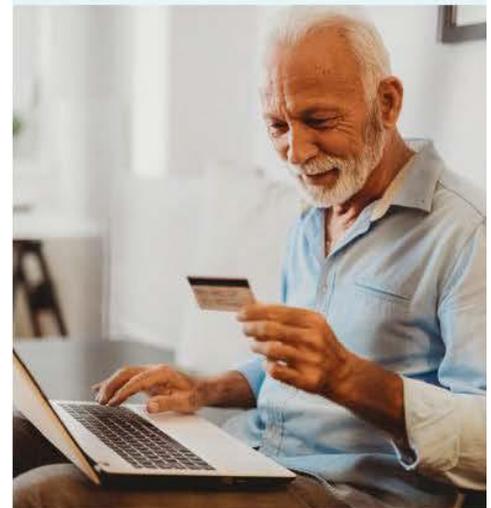


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# “New Beginnings” Rebuild Report

To Members of our congregation,

We are making good progress in deciding what changes we would hope to make as we move this rebuild conversation along. Over the past month we have had more meetings that flowed out of our first set of “phase I” visioning conversations.

- We looked at what everybody dreamed we might want to do and have done our best to see where there seems to be most agreement on the redesign. We have kept Gil Haugen informed of some of what we would like to do, they have been at meetings with us, and they are helping determine how feasible our ideas are.
- We have also taken three Sundays in which we have asked for member households to take a survey. The blue card responses from about thirty households (so far) indicate that there is good support for the rebuild and that we will not have to think about much if any debt to add some freshness, new elements to the building.
- As of the end of November, we are waiting for a few more gifting, survey cards to come in even as we keep dreaming about how to tweak the design to make it more open and inviting and efficient for multiple uses.
- By December 9<sup>th</sup>, we are wanting to be able to give to Gil Haugen a rough draft of our rebuild design for them to speck out...to see what these changes would cost. Then, we will have a congregational meeting that will help us launch the full capital campaign (in which prayers-over gifts will be received) as well as finalize the design that we will build with those gifted dollars.

Thanks to every member for your interest and involvement in this historic time. We pray that God will help us do what is right and that our future will prosper in our new building.

- Bruce Bonander  
Church Council President

**Total Donations Given to the Tornado Fund 2022: \$200,640.84**

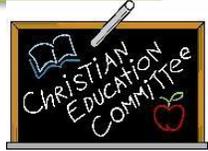


# December Highlights



## **December 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting**

*Parents, this year will be remembered for the ways we teach our children about faith AND how that faith talk can continue at home. Please read the entire youth page for complete details.*



## **December 3<sup>rd</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 sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. Please join us Saturday morning in the sanctuary if you are able to help. Everyone is welcome.*

## **December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – Adult Choir at Boom Chapel**

*Thanks again to director Shelly Berg and accompanist, Gingi Hanson for their leadership of this important worship team. New voices always welcome!*



## **December 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 9:30 a.m.—Worship at Boom Chapel**



## **December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Guest Preacher Pastor Jeff Backer from St. Dymas prison congregation ministries**

## **December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Rehearsal / Children’s Christmas Program Practice / Make Christmas ornament**

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

## **December 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. – Wednesday Worship in Beaver**



### **Valley sanctuary**

*With our commitment to having worship throughout the year at our Beaver Valley campus, this half hour of worship is offered throughout the fall, winter and spring for all members and guests. We will start at 6:30 p.m sharp. A simple order of worship; piano and sometimes*

*guitar; the lessons and Holy Communion patterns will be observed for the following Sunday. (not handicapped accessible)*

## **November 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class (meets in BV sanctuary)**

*(see youth page for full December schedule, ...especially important, Tuesday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup> With Pastor Chris Matson (Church on the Street) as we serve a meal and help folks on the Laundry With Love night. Signups for servant workers on Wednesday nights. Parent help needed!*

## **December 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting**

*The church council will meet to conduct monthly business on this second Thursday of December. 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, Bruce Bonander, at any time. We will meet in the sanctuary of Beaver Valley.*





# December Highlights



## December 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Music Festival

*A morning where the music and the word is the message that leads us to Christmas! Choir and congregation will carry this morning at the Boom Chapel.*



## December 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Saint Lucia’s Day: A Celebration of Light at Twyla Voldseth’s home

*Women of Beaver Valley, please come and join your friends in the “Celebration of Light” known in Sweden as St. Lucia’s Day. Let’s bring a special light to the Christmas Season with special treats, friendship, and an opportunity to share the Season.*

When: **Sunday December 11, 2022**, Where: **Twyla Voldseth’s home - 266628 Tucker Dr., Brandon SD**  
Time: **2-4 pm**

## December 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. – Sr. High Servant Event – Shop at Walmart & Target for those in need

*We will meet at 3pm at BVLC to go shopping at Walmart & Target for those in need. Then a light supper together! Donations always put to good use! (See youth page)*

## December 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Confirmation Servant Night – Church on the Street with Pastor Chris Matson

*All of the quarters, new gloves, and new socks that we will gather over the next weeks will be given out on this Church on the Street ministry night. The kids will be serving a meal and gifting out new gloves and socks. If you want to donate to this great ministry, quarters, new gloves, and socks can be dropped off at any Sunday or Wednesday service.*



## December 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Ron & Jeanne Nelsen’s house



*For December, we are invited to Ron & Jeanne Nelsen’s house the morning of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 a.m. Ron and Jeanne live at 1616 S. Parkview Blvd. in Brandon. Thanks to Harlan and Linda Gjoraas for sharing their home as we gathered at their garage this past month, November 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**MEN’S BREAKFAST**

## December 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Children’s Christmas Program at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary

*See Sunday School article. This program will allow our children to become the Christmas promise on this morning. Thank you parents and teacher volunteers for making this program happen.*



## December 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. – No Confirmation Class – Christmas Break

## December 21<sup>st</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, Sylvia Benson and Sally Rosin for their month-in, month-out help with worship planning.*





# December Highlights



**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 3:00pm –Christmas Eve Worship at Boom Chapel**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 5:00pm –Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service in Beaver Valley Sanctuary**



*We need help with ushering for all 3 Christmas Eve services. We will have 3:00pm worship at Boom Chapel, a 5:00pm candlelight worship at Beaver Valley sanctuary, and an outdoor 9:00 pm outdoor Pavilion worship. For the 5:00 p.m., we will have the upstairs sanctuary full candlelight service. For the 9:00 p.m., we will make every effort to gather outside and stand together to worship under the stars. If the weather is too severe, we will worship indoors. Please sign up if you are able with any of the 3 services.*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship in Pavilion**



*This will be a memory! The bonfire will be lit; the Pavilion decorated; caroling song sheets readied; the gospel of Luke, chapter 2 Christmas story to be read and preached on out under the stars. Invite friends, family, and neighbors!*

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Merry Christmas!!**

*Come to Beaver Valley Lutheran for our Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m. worship. We will sing Christmas morning carols and read the traditional lessons that announce a Savior Born! No coffee hour following, just morning chapel time together.*



**December 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – No Sunday School**



**December 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Annual Reports Due**

**December 29<sup>th</sup>—Thursday—Last day of the year for Financial Contributions**

*THANK YOU all for your support of God’s work in this place! Staff will check our PO Box 128 in Brandon, for end of the year gifts if you are not able to place them on the altar during our December worshipping. God continues to bless our work together because of our collective return of thanks.*

## **BACKPACK PROGRAM DRIVERS NEEDED (4 WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY)**

Drivers are again needed to help make the important, Backpack program happen for the many children in the Brandon-Valley school district who need help with food to make it through the weekend. A driver must go to Fred Assam elementary around 11:00 a.m. on their assigned Wednesday, pick up empty tubs to take to the Feeding SD building (4701 N Westport Avenue, Sioux Falls) At Feeding SD, loaded tubs will be ready and waiting for the driver to get them loaded into their mini-van or pickup to be taken back to Fred Assam School. Please sign up for a Wednesday in January if you are interested. Sign up posted at George Boom Chapel.

# Beaver Valley YOUTH Sunday School



## Sunday School

During November, the Sunday Schoolers decorated frames for their Saints, colored beautiful crosses, learned about the food pantry, and ate some tasty M&M's. They also sang their favorite song "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep". The month of December will be all about the Christmas Program on the 18th. The program will be held at the church.

- *Brittany Gerovac*

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE

December 4th - Christmas Program Practice/ Make Christmas Ornament

Teacher: Brittany Gerovac

December 11th - Christmas Program Practice at Beaver Valley/ Make Christmas Ornament

Teacher: Brittany Gerovac

December 18th - Christmas Program at Beaver Valley

December 25th - Merry Christmas/ No Sunday School/ Sunday School resumes January 8th

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## Small Wonders Preschool



Preschoolers had a great time in November continuing to learn all of the basics. We enjoyed making decorations for Thanksgiving and trying Stone Soup. The kids are looking forward to joining the Sunday Schoolers for another great Christmas Program.



# Beaver Valley YOUTH



## Confirmation Servant Night – Church on the Street with Pastor Chris Matson - Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

All of the quarters, some of the new gloves, and new socks that we will gather over the next weeks will be given out on this Church on the Street ministry night. The kids will be serving a meal and gifting out new gloves and socks.

(Donations can be dropped off at any Sunday or Wednesday Service)



## Confirmation Schedule

December 7	Lesson 24—“Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Let’s see what our service looks like...sounds like as we write some music to go with it!</li><li>• Our Christmas Party <b>with ourselves</b>.</li></ul>
December 13	SERVANT EVENT—“Laundry with Love” with Pastor Chris Matson, Church on the Street. Our Christmas <b>with others! PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WEEK’S CLASS HAS BEEN MOVED TO A TUESDAY NIGHT. TIME SLOTS WILL BE OFFERED TO ACCOMMODATE THE SCHEDULE OF YOUTH.</b>
December 21	NO CLASS-Christmas Break!
December 28	NO CLASS-Christmas Break.



## Sr. High

Sr. High youth, please meet at Beaver Valley Lutheran on Sunday, **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. for our Sr. High Servant Event.** We will be heading to Walmart & Target to go shopping for those in need.

The Beaver Valley High School Youth have been meeting in Beaver Valley church’s basement Youth Room where we a plan to buy Christmas gifts for organizations that help the kids that are in need.

We are going shopping and then going to meet as a group for a dinner.

This is a great group of kids who are interested in being part of the Congregation’s activities. I am thankful to be a part of the High School’s growing group.

- Deacon Suzanne Hansen

# SAINT LUCIA'S DAY : A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT



Women of Beaver Valley  
Come and join your friends in the  
"Celebration of Light" known in  
Sweden as St. Lucia's Day.

Let's bring a special light to the  
Christmas Season with special treats,  
friendship, and an opportunity to share  
the Season

When: **Sunday December 11, 2022**

Where: **Twyla Voldseth's home -  
266628 Tucker Dr. Brandon SD**

Time: **2-4 pm**



**Women's Annual Retreat to be held Jan 13-15<sup>th</sup> 2023**, with the option of arriving Thursday afternoon. Retreat to be held at Joy Ranch, northwest of Watertown. Check deposit of \$50 needed to secure your spot, please make check out to Joy Ranch and give to Twyla. Any questions call me 605-595-4772 or email [tvquilts@yahoo.com](mailto:tvquilts@yahoo.com) This is open to anyone (members or friends of congregation) to join us for a fun weekend of

fellowship, game playing, reading a book, quilting, scrapbooking, whatever you choose.

**Thank you to A Homestead Brew**, who went the extra mile and opened up on a Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, for a group of 40 from Beaver Valley Lutheran Church. There were great conversations about Martin Luther's teachings, as well as a nice dinner. Thank you to Todd & Linda Dawley who provided the pulled pork supper. It was a great evening together!! Thank you all for coming!



**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**November 10, 2022**

<b>Attendees:</b> Shelly Berg (1 <sup>st</sup> Term-2025)	Mary Lee (1 <sup>st</sup> Term-2025)
Rick Bonander (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term-2025)	David Schnabel (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term-2025)
Harlene Drew (1 <sup>st</sup> Term-2024)	Brittany Gerovac (1 <sup>st</sup> Term – 2024)
David Vanden Hull (1 <sup>st</sup> Term-2024)	Corey Maunu (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term-2024)
Bruce Bonander (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term-2023)	Sue Johannsen (2 <sup>nd</sup> Term-2023)
Linda Wingate (1 <sup>st</sup> Term – 2023)	Michael Gross (1 <sup>st</sup> Term – 2023)
Pastor Greg Johnson	Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)
	Liberty Lenling (Youth Rep.)

**Call to Order:** Bruce Bonander

**Devotions and Treats:** Rick Bonander

**Absent:** Darcie Johnson, Michael Gross, Liberty Gross

**Approval of prior meeting minutes:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve October Minutes was made by Pastor Greg Johnson and seconded by Linda Wingate.**

**Motion carried.**

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve the October Treasurers report made by Dave Schnabel and seconded by Brittany Gerovac.**

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

**Business:**

- **Motion to give an end of the year gift of \$500 to the Brandon Food Pantry was made by Harlene Drew and seconded by Sue Johannsen.**

**Motion carried.**

- **The church has been winterized by Haugan.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Cemetery Committee:** Council Assignment, Rick Bonander

A big thank you to this years mowers.

**Church in Society:** Council Assignment, Harlene Drew, Shelly Berg

Four people went to St. Dysmas and it was a nice experience.

**Education and Youth Ministry:** Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

The Sunday School year is still going great. We will be singing "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep" this month and then we will be looking forward to our Christmas Program on December 18<sup>th</sup>. I will be asking the 5<sup>th</sup> graders is they want to help with parts of the Program.

**Evangelism and Outreach:** Council Assignment, Linda Wingate, Michael Gross, Mary Lee

New member Sunday is on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are working on preparing small gifts for the new members.

**Media:** Council Assignment, Corey Maunu, David Vanden Hull

Trying to order new equipment with potential availability issues.

**Personnel:** Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull

Reviews will be given in November and December.

**Property:** Council Assignment, David Schnabel, Bruce Bonander

Todd insulated entry points on the South side and also insulated the crawl space under the staircase. Will be looking into Solar lighting to use outside at the church and rugs for the inside of the doors.

**Stewardship:** Council Assignment, Linda Wingate, Pastor Greg Johnson

Linda, Kevin, and Pastor will be doing the Temple Talks. There will be a focus on people turning in their Time and Talents sheets.

**Worship & Music:** Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

Thankful for the adult and children's choir. Thank you to the 4 piano players for helping with Wednesday service.

**150<sup>th</sup> Committee:** Council Assignment, Rick Bonander

We will be meeting this week on Thursday at 7pm. Gustavus Choir will be singing on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will start executing a timeline in January to prepare for the Anniversary.

**Beaver Valley Churchmen:** Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

Next gathering will be in Harlen's garage.

**Beaver Valley Women:** Council Assignment, Sue Johannsen

There will be a St. Lucia event on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 at Twyla's house for the women of the church. We will be putting together a coffee crew to help eliminate troubles with making coffee for fellowship.

**Pastor's Report:**

- **The importance of the "New Beginnings" rebuild gifting survey...tied to the rebuild plan.**
- **Sr. High youth group progress**
- **New members...to be welcomed on November 20<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Continuing Education for 2023. Major Gift Campaign training ELCA Chicago.**
- **Christmas Schedule: 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight/at Boom Chapel**  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight at Beaver Valley  
9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols, bonfire, Christmas Eve devotion in Pavilion.

**MMSC:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Vanden Hull and seconded by Rick Bonander.

**Motion carried.**



WORSHIP LEADERS - DECEMBER - 2022

	DECEMBER 4	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 25
Greeters:	Rick Bonander Tammy Ford	Scott & Sarah Rust	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Alan & Ellen Schmidt
Lectors:	Kathy Reisenweber	Trish Steen	Will Kruse	Linda Wingate
Children's Sermon:	Beth Flier	Mary Lee	Sue Johannsen	Bruce Bonander
Ushers:	Dale & Krista Hanson	Kelly & Julie Wright	Dan Feeken Gary Parker	Rick & Christy Johnson
Communion Servers:	Kevin & Georgia Backer JoAnn Keyser Harley Drew	NONE	Denis & Janet Andersen Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	NONE
Communion Preparers:	Jeannelle Yitagesu	NONE	Jeannelle Yitagesu	NONE
Communion Bread:	Angie Arndt	NONE	Angie Arndt	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu
Flags:	Joel Flier	Kevin Backer	Gary Parker	Scott Rust
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Dale Hanson Marvin Burkman	Kelly Wright Kevin Backer	Sue Johannsen Dave Schnabel	Kelly Wright 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.**



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

Christy Nelson	12/2	Greg Johnson	12/16
Elizabeth Liedholt	12/3	Kyera Nelson	12/16
Joyce Anderson	12/4	Timothy (TJ) Law	12/18
Sonja Braucht	12/4	Jadyn Ramazani	12/18
Donna Dawley	12/4	(Knudson)	
Holly Olesen	12/4	Beverly Richert	12/18
Kelly Dreyer	12/5	Beth Flier	12/19
Kaylynn Erlandson	12/5	Alex McDonald	12/19
Hendrix Halbersma	12/5	Paul Sittig	12/19
LeRoy Pappenfus	12/5	Taylor Wegner	12/20
Judith Burkman	12/7	Wesley Christensen	12/21
Briella Guischer	12/7	Sara Kiefer	12/21
Mary Hanson	12/7	Angie Surdez	12/21
Sarah Prohl	12/8	Dashel Halbersma	12/22
Robert Maxwell	12/10	Isaac Hanson	12/22
Erik Hanson	12/11	Nicole Sitzmann	12/24
Gregg Holbrook	12/11	Matt Swenson	12/24
Sue Johannsen	12/11	Miranda Waldner	12/24
Grace Prohl	12/11	Mike Erickson	12/25
Lori Erickson	12/12	Mengistu Yitagesu	12/25
Tim Hanson	12/12	Cody Erickson	12/26
William Nelson	12/12	Tammy Ford	12/27
Zachary Nelson	12/12	Kasey Johnson	12/30
Cade Bobzien	12/14	Christy Johnson	12/31
Dan Hanson	12/14	Vivian Johnson	12/31
Mazie Petrik	12/14	Devin Swanson	12/31
Tamasine Clow	12/15	Mable Wilcox	12/31

THANK YOU all for your support of God's work at  
Beaver Valley Lutheran!

The last day of the year for financial contributions will be **Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**. Staff will check our PO Box 128 in Brandon, SD for end of the year gifts if you are not able to place them on the altar during our December worshipping.

# DECEMBER 2022

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Worship online anytime!

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

				1 6:30p Education Committee Meeting	2	3 9:00a Church sanctuary decorating for Advent Christmas
4 8:30a Adult Choir at George Boom Chapel 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion – Guest Pastor Jeff Backer from St. Dysmas 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a SS – Christmas Program Practice / Make Christmas ornament at Boom Chapel 4:00p <b>Worship at Bethany</b>	5	6 3:30p Pastor’s Text Study	7 6:30p Wednesday Worship in BV sanctuary 7:15p Confirmation – Christmas Party	8 7:00p Church Council Meeting	9	10
11 8:30a Adult Choir at George Boom Chapel 9:30a Music Festival at Boom Chapel 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a SS – Christmas Program Practice / Make Christmas ornament at Beaver Valley 2:00p Saint Lucia’s Day: A Celebration of Light at Twyla Voldseth’s house (Women of the church) 3:00p Sr. High Servant Event – Shopping for those in need	12	13 3:30p Pastor’s Text Study  5:00-7:30p Confirmation Servant Night – Church on the Street	14 6:30p Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in BV sanctuary  No Confirmation	15 7:00a Men’s Breakfast at Ron & Jeanne’s house (1616 S. Parkview Blvd., Brandon)	16	17
18 8:30a Adult Choir at George Boom Chapel 9:30a Children’s Christmas Program at Beaver Valley Lutheran 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a No Sunday School	19	20 3:30p Pastor’s Text Study	21 6:30p Wednesday Worship in BV sanctuary  No Confirmation – Christmas Break 7:45p Music/Worship Committee Meeting	22	23	24 3:00p Christmas Eve Worship at Boom Chapel 5:00p Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service at Beaver Valley sanctuary 9:00p Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship in Pavilion
25 Merry Christmas! 9:30a Carols & Christmas morning devotion at Beaver Valley Lutheran. No Coffee Fellowship No Sunday School	26	27	28 6:30p Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in BV sanctuary  No Confirmation – Christmas Break	29 Last day of the year for Financial Contributions	30	31 