



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 **July 2023**

JULY NEWS

Happy 4th of July!

Outdoor Worship at BVLC Pavilion – Wednesdays, July 5th, 7:00pm

Education Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 6th, 6:30pm

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, July 13th, 7:00pm

Larry & Ardell's 50th Anniversary Party – Saturday, July 15th, 5:00pm

Valley Springs Booster Days Parade – Saturday, July 15th, 7:00pm

Sr. High Klein Ranch Bible Camp Trip – July 16th – 21st

VBS Operation Restoration (Pre-k-4th Grade) – Wednesday, July 26th, 5:45pm

KENNON L. CALLAHAN



Twelve Keys
for Living

POSSIBILITIES FOR A WHOLE,
HEALTHY LIFE



So, Forward I go, Knowing you are there...

Remarkable memories of our celebration of one hundred and fifty years of ministry have been made. Our under-the-tent banquet night; the mid-summer Saturday--a collage of music and food and generations of members and friends of the congregation enjoying a sunbathed afternoon; and our Sunday, worship-in-red celebration of our “deeply rooted in faith” past will not be forgotten. Beaver Valley Lutheran has inherited a tradition that emerges from this Gospel promise: God can’t not love. Our ancestors are held by our God.

And, we are “held” by our God, too. With faith in that promise, it is time to do what our dearly departed ancestors would have us do—face forward as the confident, baptized, forgiven, serving people that we are and see this world as God’s place filled with human purpose. Beaver Valley will grow because we know that people driving by our ministry campus are the most important people in the world. They, too, are created in the image of God and they need us as much as we need them.

Throughout the month of July, we will emphasize what must be the most important take away from our celebration of 150 years of ministry: we are claimed by our God who loves us and have nothing to fear as we go out into the harvest that is plentiful. And so, for instance, we will at the end of each worship service in July sing Kathy Pino’s now well known song, “Servant’s Prayer.” We will sing it as our sending song because the song perfectly serves us as we now turn from the past 150 years to the next. The verse of her song is worth praying over and even committing to memory:

***“Lord it’s you who has brought me to this day
Who has carried and kept me in your care
I look back and I see you in all my years
And so forward I go knowing you are there.”***

Kathy Pino

In this newsletter, you will find clear evidence that the ministry of the past now stretches into the future: more burying of the dead, wedding of couples for the years to come, youth off to bible camps, children coming for a first evening of Vacation Bible School, and on and on. My prayer is that as we prepare to re-enter a rebuilt building, we will look at this crazy world of ours and ask anew: what is our calling? Who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus in a new way? That always has been and always will be what a living, perfectly held, “forward I go” community of faith does.

Blessings,

Pastor Greg Johnson



July Highlights



July 1st, Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – Celebration of Life for Wendell Phillips – Pastor Greg to officiate graveside

Pastor Greg will officiate this graveside celebration of life. Following, there will be a meet and greet of family and friends at BVLC Pavilion.

July 1st, Saturday, 4:00 p.m. – Restatement of Vows (10th Anniversary) in BVLC Pavilion – Brock & Jenny Kuhnert



July 4th, Tuesday – Independence Day – Happy 4th of July!

Church office will be closed in celebration of Independence Day.

July 5th, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship in Pavilion

We will welcome guest worship leader, Kari Sorenson. It is always great to have Kari bring her guitar and a message for the night.



July 6th, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

July 9th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship at Boom Chapel – Guest Kari Sorenson

July 13th, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

The church council will meet to conduct monthly business on this second Thursday of July. 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, David Vanden Hull, at any time.



July 15th, Saturday, 3:00 p.m. – Derek Hanson & Erica Busch's Wedding at BVLC



July 15th, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Larry & Ardell Johnson – 50th Wedding Anniversary Party - 700 Cliff Avenue, Valley Springs

Help Celebrate with us! In October Larry & Ardell Johnson will celebrate their 50th Anniversary, but we are having their party on July 15th during the Valley Springs Booster Day Celebration. Stop by before the parade! 5:00pm Supper, 7:00pm Booster Day Parade



July 15th, Saturday, 7:00 p.m. – Valley Springs Booster Days Parade-needs volunteers

The float is ready for Valley Springs! The parade will begin at 7:00pm. We will need some people to walk the route passing out info about BVLC Wednesday Worship and some candy. Please let Rick Bonander or Tammy Ford know if you can help by walking with us in the parade.



July 16th– July 21st – Sr. High Trip to Klein Ranch Bible Camp

Off to Klein Ranch (nine Beaver Valley youth + pastor Greg as part of the Northern Rim youth group. Pastor Bob Hansen outdoor worship on Wednesday the 19th.)



July Highlights



July 19th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship

We will welcome Pastor Bob Hansen to come lead Outdoor Worship while Pastor Greg is with the senior high youth at Klein Ranch.



July 26th, Wednesday, 5:45 p.m. – Operation Restoration (1 day-VBS)

Before worship on this Wednesday, we will have a VBS “Operation Restoration” This VBS is meant to be a simple way for our over twenty families with elementary aged children to have an end-of-the-summer event. This will be the first chance to register for the fall of 2023 Sunday School year. See full Youth article.

August 2nd, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. – Master Calendar Planning

Leaders from across the church will look ahead to September-December and coordinate the calendar for the fall into winter work and life of our parish. (i.e. Putting on the calendar the SS schedule, when the choirs sing, when the men and women of the church will meet, when we have parish life group meet, when we will have the Advent cantata and Christmas

program, Senior High meeting/servant schedule etc.) Leaders please try to make this important meeting as we plan meetings and events for the rest of the year.



Meals on Wheels

Your help is needed! Beaver Valley delivers hot, nutritious meals to Brandon community shut-ins during 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 Splitrock Apartments at 1100 Teakwood St. at 11:50am. **Beaver Valley’s month to deliver Meals-on-Wheels is August 2023.** If you would like to help with this great service in Brandon, **a sign-up calendar is posted on the bulletin board at George Boom.** It only takes about an hour at noon to deliver the meals, and this is a great opportunity to help others!

Church Rebuild / Tornado Fund Gifts

We continue receiving one-time gifts and ongoing monthly donations given towards the church rebuild. Please make sure to always note in the memo of your check – **Church Rebuild or Tornado Fund.** A quick note like this will help the church treasurer deposit donations into the correct accounts and the church office to make sure to also record your gifts into the right place. The rebuild is really coming along nicely, and we continue seeing progress happening every day.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Beaver Valley Lutheran!



Beaver Valley YOUTH



Operation Restoration VBS - Wednesday July 26th at 5:45pm

Our kids can be menders of the Universe!

Kids will learn how they are menders of our world. At Operation Restoration, they will practice being universe menders, because that's exactly how God made all of us. Your kids have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, pray and rest-- essential tools to help repair all that is wrong in the world. They'll learn more about their mending powers at Operation Restoration VBS!

During VBS we will focus on Day 1 Feed. The four other days and topics will be incorporated into the Sunday School year. Please join us **Wednesday July 26th at 5:45pm** for our 1-day VBS. You can sign up at beavervalleylutheran.org.

****Families that sign up by July 14th** will get a T-shirt for their child(ren). Let us know how many people from each family are coming as well as t-shirt sizes for the kids attending. The whole family is welcome for VBS.

Order of events for the evening are:

- Registration
- Eat dinner (Pizza)
- Work on bread starter
- Skit
- Craft
- Evening worship
- End with a campfire and s'mores

REGISTER
for
VBS

Sign up for VBS at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADA822A0F5C52-operation1>
This link is also posted on the church website and church Facebook page for easy sign up.



Volunteers needed for one Wednesday evening

We are looking for confirmation age and High School students to help with VBS this year. Our theme is Operation Restoration and it will be held on Wednesday July 26th at 6pm. Examples of things we need help with are set-up and clean up, leading an activity, and performing in a skit. Please contact Brittany at 605-201-9183 if you are interested in helping.

150th Anniversary & Midsommer Celebration



More 150th Anniversary & Midsommer Celebration...



Thank you!

The 150th Anniversary Committee wants to thank all of the many people that helped make our Midsommer 150th Anniversary weekend celebration a huge success! Thank you so much to everyone that helped out, brought food, invited friends, family, or neighbors and to all that took time out of your busy weekend to join us. We sincerely hope each and everyone of you has made your own "Midsommer Memory". - Tammy

CHURCH COUNCIL

June 8, 2023

Attendees: Kelly Wright (1st Term-2026) Alan Schmidt (1st Term-2026)
Scott Hansel (1st Term 2026)

Shelly Berg (1st Term-2025) Mary Lee (1st Term-2025)
Rick Bonander (2nd Term-2025) David Schnabel (2nd Term-2025)

Harlene Drew (1st Term-2024) Brittany Gerovac (1st Term – 2024)
David Vanden Hull (1st Term-2024) Corey Maunu (2nd Term-2024)

Pastor Greg Johnson Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)
Bruce Bonander-Rebuild Coordinator Todd Dawley-guest

Call to Order: David Vanden Hull

Devotions: Pastor Greg Johnson Refreshments Shelly Berg

Absent: Scott Hansel, Shelly Berg

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve May Minutes was made by Harly Drew and seconded by Al Schmidt. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to approve the May Treasurers report was made by Corey Maunu and seconded by Kelly Wright. Motion carried.

Business:

- **South Entrance-**Gil Haugen engineers for review and approved redesigned south entrance.
- Received a bid proposal from Midstate's Audio/Video for \$32,000 of which \$28,000 will be submitted to insurance company. **MMSC: Motion to invest the additional \$4,000 to update our technology was made by Dave Schnabel and seconded by Kelly Wright. Motion carried.**
- **MMSC: Motion to deposit the free offering collected at the Gustavus Choir Concert back into the 150th to pay expenses incurred was made by Greg Johnson and seconded by Al Schmidt. Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- Grass is growing slowly would ask mowing crew to use reason when deciding when to mow the grass.

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

- No report.

Education and Youth Ministry: Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- VBS will be July 26th which is a Wednesday this year. The theme will be "Feeding the People" Activity will be making friendship bread.

Evangelism and Outreach: Council Assignment, Mary Lee

- Promoting 150th anniversary with newspaper advertising and signate. Thanks to Larry Johnson and his helper Rick Bonander for staking signs around the property.

Media: Council Assignment, Corey Maunu, David Vanden Hull

- Working on live streaming needs for the 150th Midsommer Celebration

Personnel: Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull, Rick Bonander

- This fall will write a plan of action and job descriptions to begin the interview process.

Property: Council Assignment, David Schnabel, Alan Schmidt & Scott Hansel

- Gil Haugen is waiting for structural steel to arrive. The elevator shaft is complete. Rebuild is moving forward.

Stewardship: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson, Rick Bonander

- A letter to the congregation will be sent providing an update of our financial position for the first 6 months of 2023. This will happen at the beginning of July.

Worship & Music: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- Committee will be central to the 150th Midsommer Celebration with special music, learning of our new hymn “Hail, O Church”

150th Anniversary: Council Assignment, Steering Committee, Rick Bonander

- This is a once in a lifetime event-Top Priority for everyone is to participate in the Midsommer events:
 - Formal Dinner-Friday June 23rd -casual dress-President Bergman Keynote speaker. Fun evening planned.
 - Festival-Music-dancing Saturday June 24th - Food, Vendors, Music followed by evening chapel.
 - Worship-Sunday June 25th – Red day is declared Bishop Emeritus Thomas M. Aitken, Pastor Greg Johnson and Pastor Renee Larson South Dakota Synod. Followed by “an old fashioned summer picnic”

Beaver Valley Churchmen: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- Beaver Valley Churchmen for preparing and selling pork sandwiches at the 150th Midsommer Celebration.
- Churchmen’s breakfast is 7:00 on June 15th at the Pavilion with ground cleanup to follow.

Beaver Valley Women: Council Assignment, Open

- No Report

Parish Life Committee, Sue Johannsen

- No Report

Pastor’s Report:

- **Klein Ranch Bible Camp** - July 16th – 21st week. 9 Beaver Valley youth will participate.
- **LDR**-Reverend Jonathan Steiner of the South Dakota Synod is resigned to take another position. This is important as Beaver Valley has been working with him of the grant money that we have received.
- **Working on a master calendar** for the fall.
- **South Dakota Synod Assembly**-was refreshing. Recognized Beaver Valley’s 150th anniversary.
- **Outdoor Worship Team**-Working well together.
- **Mission Fund**-Has been established, can begin receiving gifts.

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Schmidt and seconded by Kelly Wright. Motion carried.

Devotions for July 13th meeting will be Corey Maunu

Total Donations Given to the Tornado Fund 2022-23: \$295,983.57



Pastoral needs or visits

If you need to get ahold of me for a pastoral visit or need, **please call or text me** at 605-940-5875 and I will get back to you promptly. Thanks, Pastor Greg



WORSHIP LEADERS – JULY - 2023

	JULY 2	JULY 9	JULY 16	JULY 23	JULY 30
Greeters:	Dan & Gingi Hanson	Brenda & Cory Winter	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Wayne & DeEtta Myers	Kevin & Georgia Backer
Lectors:	Gary Parker	Susan Kruse	Dennis Moritz	Sylvia Benson	Linda Wingate
Children's Sermon:	Sue Johannsen	Bruce Bonander	Deb Moritz	Beth Flier	Pastor Greg Johnson
Ushers:	Dale & Krista Hanson	Michael & Heidi Schacht	Rick & Christy Johnson	Alan & Ellen Schmidt	Kevin & Kim Petterson
Communion Servers:	Ron & Jeanne Nelsen, Kathy Reisenweber, Gingi Hanson	NONE	Denis & Janet Andersen, Harley Drew, PJ Hansel	NONE	NONE
Communion Preparers:	Sue Johannsen	NONE	Sue Johannsen Wednesday 12th: Susan Kruse	NONE	NONE
Communion Bread:	Judy Richards	NONE	Judy Richards	NONE	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull
Flags:	Gary Parker	Kevin Backer	Scott & PJ Hansel	Joel Flier	Scott & Sarah Rust
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Kelly Wright Dan Feeken	Dave Schnabel Kevin Backer	Dale Hanson Marvin Burkman	Kelly Wright Dan Feeken	Dave Schnabel Kevin Backer

Note: If you are unable to serve on the date assigned or need to make changes to the schedule, please notify Kari Morgan at 605-521-6622 or at the church office email at office@beavervalleylutheran.org 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!

Zoey Berghorst	7/1	Rhett Kloth	7/19
Deanna Christensen	7/1	Lexy Sittig	7/19
Suzanne Hansen	7/1	Roberta Tieszen	7/20
Kendra Burkman	7/2	Caylan Aichele	7/21
Todd Dawley	7/2	Amy Johnson	7/21
Cheryl Hluchy	7/2	Jennifer Sittig	7/21
Kathy Dawley	7/5	Josie Duin	7/23
Marvin Burkman	7/6	Corey Maunu	7/24
Anders Schubert	7/6	Cali Olesen	7/25
Jack Sittig	7/6	Bruce Bonander	7/26
Lily Swenson	7/7	Maia Aichele	7/27
Alayna Porter	7/8	Teya Berndt	7/27
Koen Wingate	7/8	Helen Jacobson	7/27
Pamela Casperson	7/10	Delmer Lafrentz	7/27
Scott Rust	7/11	Benjamin Swenson	7/27
Lynne Bonander	7/13	Lowell Johnson	7/28
Terrence Brick	7/13	Sharon Nelson	7/28
Samuel Duin	7/13	Gary Parker	7/28
Madelyn Jensen	7/13	Logan Schmidt	7/28
Cody Josten	7/13	Lily Weber	7/28
(Knudson)		Alexander Porter	7/29
Kylie Soldatke	7/13	O.M. (Lanny) Benson	7/30
Emily Wright	7/14	Rensie Haak	7/30
Carl Johnson	7/15	Tyler Haeffner	7/30
Tricia Steen	7/16	Kenneth Muller	7/30

JULY 2023

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Worship online anytime!

Sunday Worship at 9:30am is Livestreamed on YouTube. Log on to www.youtube.com and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.

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