



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 **August 2023**



AUGUST NEWS

Outdoor Worship at BVLC Pavilion – Wednesdays, August 2nd, 7:00pm

Master Calendar Planning Meeting – Wednesday, August 2nd, 8:00pm

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

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

Blessing of Backpacks – Sunday, August 27th, 9:30am

Sr. High kickoff cookout at Matt &

Heather Swenson's farm – Sunday,

August 27th, 5:00-7:00pm

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8:00 p.m. – Master
Calendar Planning
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will look ahead to September-
December.



The Ability to Encourage is Sacred.

The ability of a Christian to encourage those with whom they interact is not to be underestimated. As much as encouragement is our ability it is also one of the great possibilities that we've been given. The world simply gets bigger and better when we remind others of their goodness now and to come.

In St. Paul's letter to the church at Colossae, he praises their work in the faith. He writes that he wishes that he could be with them so that they could "mutually encourage" one another (Col. 1:12). The full letter is a treasure trove of encouragement combined with teaching.

What St. Paul knew—that encouragement is a power followers of Jesus have—is something that we here at BVLC have deeply experienced these past fourteen months. Having been forced out of our church home, we have been a worshipping/serving congregation in various and kind places. At every turn, faithful people from far and wide have offered help.

Whatever the kindness has been, it has added up to the encouragement that has kept our congregation alive and hopeful. The fun part for us now will be to remember (and we will won't we?) to share holy words that have been spoken to us: "You're not forgotten;" "how can we help?"; "You're going to be o.k.;" "We keep you in our thoughts and prayers."

You see? We really can be in the business of keeping each other alive. Most certainly St. Paul would agree that to speak of "mutual encouragement" means that the encouragement we have received is the encouragement that we can become. That's what Beaver Valley members know--because many from our surrounding community have taught us well.

Pastor Greg Johnson
Beaver Valley Lutheran Church



August Highlights



August 2nd, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship in Pavilion

Each and every Wednesday evening through the summer and into the fall, members and guests of our congregation gather for evening chapel out in our Pavilion. Each Wednesday focusses upon the life of the church on the upcoming Sunday. So, if the Wednesday is prior to a Holy Communion Sunday (1st and 3rd) then we will have Holy Communion on that preceding Wednesday night.



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. Leaders please try to make this important meeting in the youth room as we plan meetings and events for the rest of the year.



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



August 5th, Saturday, 5:00 p.m. – Brynn Roemen & Zach Kraning Wedding – downtown Sioux Falls

August 6th, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion at George Boom Chapel

August 9th & 16th, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship in Pavilion – Guest Pastor Erika Lehmann



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

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



August 13th & 20th, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. – Worship at George Boom Chapel - Guest Pastor Erika Lehmann

August 27th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Blessing of Backpacks

This is a blessing of the children and all adults involved in education at the start of another school year. This blessing will happen during worship at the Boom Funeral Home Chapel (the long-term location for Beaver Valley until we move back into our new facility). Parents, this Sunday will be an important next step for your children and for our congregation as we give thanks for God's presence in our lives wherever we gather!





August Highlights

BACK to
SCHOOL

August 27th, Sunday, 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Sr. High kickoff cookout at Matt & Heather Swenson's farm

9th-12th graders will hear more about our fall kickoff night in the coming weeks. Plan to set aside a couple of hours to eat some good food and look ahead to the year that we can make into what it needs to be...fellowship, fun, faith and service, all in Jesus' name!



Mid-Year Financial Statements

Please watch your mailbox for a Mid-Year Financial Statement from BVLC. If you don't receive a statement in the mail or something is not recorded correctly from contributions for the period of January 1 – June 30, 2023, please contact Kari Morgan in the church office at office@beavervalleylutheran.org or at 605-521-6622. Thank you!

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. We will meet in the basement out at Beaver Valley.



Thank you

We want to thank our church family for helping us celebrate our 50th wedding Anniversary. The actual wedding day is not until October 20th so we will continue the celebration. If you were not able to make it for the Booster Day celebration- the corn crib is always open and all are welcome.

Larry and Ardell Johnson

Beaver Valley YOUTH

Sunday School



Luke Fiscus and Corbin Hansel went to Shetek camp together this summer in July.



What a fun night for the youth of our church that could make it out to our single night of VBS on July 26th. Special thanks to Brittany Gerovac for her “job well done!”



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday School families, please join us Sunday, August 27th for Blessing of the Backpacks during church. This will also be a great day to get your kids signed up and get information for the 2023-24 Sunday School year.



The Sr. High trip to Klein Ranch July 16th – 21st

The Sr. High kids wanted me to write a thank you note for the financial support many have given that helped make the July 16-21 trip out west happen. So, thank you Beaver Valley for your steady commitment to support the sale of food cards each week as well as your generous support of our once a year All-Youth benefit (late winter)!



This year’s trip involved nine youth that went representing our congregation. They are (back row): Pastor Greg (a really old kid!!) Jack Kloth; Blake Schmidt, Jacob Fiscus, Brayden Fletcher (Brandon Lutheran guest), Nolan Schmidt, Kasey Johnson (Front row) Betsy Waldner, Sally Muller, and Vivian Johnson.

They return home with a request: “Let build a Gaga pit” out back somewhere. Hours of fun at Klein with others! This group traveled as part of a five congregation large group called the Northern Rim youth group. Our own Sr. High group will get started late August with our August 27th BVLC Sr. High kickoff. Thanks to all! *Pastor Greg*



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2023 - 2024 Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

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

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Parent Contact:

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

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

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Cell Phone # _____ Email _____

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

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

Name _____ Phone# _____

Relationship _____

Name _____ Phone# _____

Relationship _____

Allergies/Medical conditions or other concerns: _____

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

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

Hospital _____

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

Would your family be interested in a Sunday School option on Wednesday nights? ____ Yes ____ No

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



DRIVERS NEEDED IN AUGUST

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 volunteers to help deliver meals. The meals are picked up at the Splitrock Apartments 1100 Teak-wood 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 the list and bags to the Splitrock Apts.

Please call me if you have questions anytime during delivery.

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 1 hour and a half 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 at George Boom, which will be posted in July for the August delivery. Choose your dates that work with your schedule.

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. Please text or call I will get the form to you.

Beth Flier 605-261-3796



CHURCH COUNCIL

July 13, 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)

Call to Order: David Vanden Hull

Devotions: Corey Maunu

Absent: Scott Hansel and Alan Schmidt

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve June Minutes was made by Dave Schnabel and seconded by Shelly Berg.

Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to approve the June Treasurers report was made by Shelly Berg and seconded by Kelly Wright.

Motion carried.

Business:

Rebuild Decision-council toured the work that has been completed by Gil Haugen.

MMSC: Motion by Harly Drew that rebuild committees request funds to replace contents lost in tornado must first be approved by the overall design committee prior to coming to the church council **and seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion Carried.**

MMSC: Motion by Kelly Wright to have the external window trim on the fellowship hall match the window trim on the educational unit as this would be a zero-cost enhancement to the rebuild **Second by Dave Schnabel. Motion Carried.**

MMSC: Motion by Mary Lee to leave the brick exposed where the educational unit meets the Church as well as the brick from the educational unit meets the new elevator **second by Harly Drew. Motion Carried.**

MMSC: Motion by Harly Drew to move the wall 5 feet to the north between the existing Pastor's office and the classroom, recommended by the Office Flow Committee. The new wall would be constructed using metal studs **second by Kelly Wright. Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- Have identified trees that need to be eliminated on the Church grounds.

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

- August BVLC is responsible for "Meals on Wheels."
- Planning on worship service at St. Dysmas. Additional details to follow.

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. Currently have 18 children enrolled and are anticipating more to come. Have secured teenage volunteers to help with VBS this year. Bonfire and s'mores will follow. Encourage the congregation to attend the Wednesday evening chapel to support the VBS event.

Evangelism and Outreach: Council Assignment, Mary Lee

- No Report

Media: Council Assignment, Corey Maunu, David Vanden Hull

- Reviewing quote from Midstate's for sound in the sanctuary following the rebuild.

Personnel: Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull, Rick Bonander

- No Report.

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

- Gil Haugen is moving forward the floor plan layout and fellowship casework that has been approved by Over All Design Committee and Church Council. Dave is working on making the old church kitchen usable for communion preparation and clean up. 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.
- Creating a Mission Fund Intake form.

Worship & Music: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- Members of the committee are great to work with. Special music is limited due to the fact that worship takes place at Boom Chapel.

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

- Members of the 150th Committee recapped the 150th Anniversary Midsommer event.
 - 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.”
 - The Church Council congratulated the members of the committee for a job well done.

Beaver Valley Churchmen: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- 13 men cleaned up the church grounds prior to the 150th Midsommer Celebration.
- **Beaver Valley Women:** Council Assignment, Open
- No Report

Parish Life Committee, Sue Johannsen

- Working on a survey for faith community nursing project. Anticipate this survey will be distributed to the congregation in October.

Pastor's Report:

- **Klein Ranch Bible Camp** - July 16th – 21st week. 9 Beaver Valley youth will particate.
- **Master Calendar Planning**-scheduled for August 2nd. Theme: “How to come back to life with a renewed focus upon seeing this world.” How to integrate this theme with our last LDR grant-invitation to the broader community. Looking forward to the vision.
- **12 Key preaching series**-will continue until August 27th.
- **Home visits**-making 3 visits per week-priority.
- **Produce/Craft Stand**-August 27th at BVLC. Will be promoted on Facebook and BV Journal.
- **General Fund Ministry**-continue to teach the important work done at BVLC.
- **Vacation**-Thank you for the time away. Thanks to Kari Sorenson, Bob Hansen and Erika Lehman.

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brittany Gerovac and seconded by Shelly Berg. Motion carried.

Devotions for August 10th meeting will be Harly Drew

Total Donations Given to the Tornado Fund 2022-23: \$301,088.57



WORSHIP LEADERS – AUGUST - 2023

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 27
Greeters:	Ann Beesley Judy Richards	Alan & Ellen Schmidt	Greg & Cheri Godfrey	Kathy Reisenweber Sarah Rust
Lectors:	Kathy Reisenweber	Harley Drew	Will Kruse	Mary Lee
Children's Sermon:	Bruce Bonander	Brittany Gerovac	Sue Johannsen	Deb Moritz
Ushers:	Ron & Jeanne Nelsen	Dave & Anita Schnabel	Gary Parker Dan Feeken	Lanny & Sylvia Benson
Communion Servers:	Kevin & Georgia Backer, Doris Phillips, Mable Wilcox	NONE	Terry & Kate Brick, Ardell Johnson, Linda Gjoraas	NONE
Communion Preparers:	Joel & Beth Flier Wednesday 2nd: Julie Wright	NONE	Joel & Beth Flier Wednesday 16th: Julie Wright	NONE
Communion Bread:	Angie Arndt	NONE	Angie Arndt	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu
Flags:	Kevin Backer	Scott & PJ Hansel	Gary Parker	Scott & Sarah Rust
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Dale Hanson Kelly Wright	Dave Schnabel Marvin Burkman	Kevin Backer Dan Feeken	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 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!

Nicole Haug	8/1	Elijah Sims	8/18
Nick Hofstee	8/1	Virginia Pappenfus	8/19
Suzanne Sirovy	8/2	Greg Godfrey	8/20
Vyonne Manning	8/3	Maya Porter	8/20
Madilyn Bobzien	8/4	Derek Hanson	8/21
Ethan Braucht	8/4	Nolan Weber	8/21
Shelly Berg	8/5	Derrick Flier	8/22
Cassandra Scholten	8/5	Dan Nelson	8/22
Chase Steuerwald	8/5	Matthew Jensen	8/23
Linda Granberg	8/6	Andy Sieck	8/23
Morgan Leis	8/7	Heather Stensland	8/23
Lori Maunu	8/7	Jayden Clark	8/24
Justin Walder	8/7	King Longcrow	8/24
Krista Liedholt	8/8	(Tieszen)	
Emily Granberg	8/9	Ryan Funke	8/25
Daniel Clow	8/10	Gavin Vanden Hull	8/25
Stephanie Wegner	8/10	Ardell Johnson	8/26
Ireland McPadden	8/11	Jeffrey Voldseth	8/26
Joshua Holz	8/14	Twyla Voldseth	8/26
Nikolas Jensen	8/14	Klarissa Burkman	8/27
Christopher Wilcox	8/14	Trent Dawley	8/27
Elliott Carbonneau	8/15	Dwayne Goblirsch	8/27
Brookelyn Jellema	8/15	Marie Kuhnert	8/27
Bonnie Nelson	8/15	Tony Arndt	8/30
Judy Krull	8/18	Ashley Johnson	8/30

AUGUST 2023 www.beavervalleylutheran.org Worship online anytime! Sunday Worship at 9:30am is Livestreamed on YouTube. Log on to www.youtube.com and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.	1	2 7:00p Outdoor Worship 8:00p Master Calendar Planning Meeting – Leaders will look ahead to Sept – Dec	3 6:30p Education Committee Meeting	4	5 5:00p Brynn Roemen & Zach Kraning Wedding (downtown Sioux Falls)
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BACK to SCHOOL

First Days of School



- Brandon – August 23rd
- Dell Rapids – August 22nd
- Garretson – August 18th
- Hills – Beaver Creek – September 5th
- Luverne – September 6th
- Sioux Falls – August 24th
- West Lyon – August 23rd
- Tri-Valley – August 17th
- Tea Area – August 16th