



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 **September 2023**



SEPTEMBER NEWS

Moving to indoor sanctuary for Wednesday Worship - Wednesdays,
September 6th, 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation Parents & Youth Kick off Meeting in sanctuary –
Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir Begins – Meet at Bethany Meadows community room -
Wednesdays, September 6th, 7:00 p.m.

Education Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 7th, 6:30 p.m.

Rally Sunday – Sunday, September 10th, see poster

Men's Breakfast at Alan & Ellen Schmidt's farm–Thursday, Sept. 21st 7:00am

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Fall gathering @ A Homestead Brew – Sunday, Sept. 24th, 5:00 p.m.

From the President

Dear Members of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and spirits. As we continue to journey through the process of rebuilding our beloved church after the devastating tornado that struck last year, I am pleased to share with you the wonderful progress we have made so far.

The rebuilding efforts have been steadily advancing, and it is truly amazing to witness the dedication and support that our congregation has poured into this project. Our recent open house was a success, with many attending to witness the progress and updates to our church firsthand. For many of you it was the first time entering the building since the tornado, and it was truly wonderful to hear the positive comments and see the reactions on members' faces as they toured the construction progress.

Your presence and valuable input during the past year have been instrumental in shaping some of the exciting changes taking place within the walls of our church. Your suggestions have shown new possibilities and are breathing fresh life into the existing spaces of our church campus. This journey has truly been a collaborative one, and it is through the collective efforts of our church family that progress is coming along so well.

A special note of appreciation goes to all of the committees and individuals that have devoted their time and energy to guide us to this point. Your hard work has been instrumental in our progress, and I am grateful for your commitment to seeing our church come away from the tornado better than before.

As we move forward, I invite you all to continue embracing the sense of anticipation that surrounds us. With each step, we are edging closer to the moment when we will come together to celebrate the grand reopening of our church. The prospect of worshiping once again within the familiar walls of our church campus fills me with immense joy, and I know that this sentiment is shared by each one of you.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and enthusiasm. This journey is a testament to our ability to come together and rebuild not only our physical space but also our spirit as a community. The future of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church shines brightly, and together, we shall embrace the blessings that this journey has in store for us.

With warm regards,

David Vanden Hull
Council President



“Coming back”

It's fitting that the first article in this Fall Handbook comes from church member and President of the congregation, David VandenHull. It's the people's church! It is the membership that has prayed over and sacrificially and generously supported the rebuilding of our ministry campus.

It is gratifying to see how many people are involved in the coming back together of our congregation. Committees doing what they are called to do: frame conversations, gather from members ideas about design, and then finally bring a formal recommendation to the Church Council which will then approve a final design which will be passed along to our contractor, Gil Haugen.

Read in this handbook of the ways that we are showing signs that our daily ministry is coming back as well: i.e., a call for a “women's huddle” after worship on October 1 (a time to start thinking about what the future women's ministry in the congregation should look like); a new pre-confirmation year of Sunday School for our fifth graders in place; a Senior High group ready to grow in fellowship and service with added numbers; a church council meeting in retreat with the goal of putting together plans for the reopening not only of our building but of our ministry initiatives.

Thanks to every member who continues to pray for and involve themselves in the “coming back” to life of our Beaver Valley. Blessings, Pastor Greg



We be starting up Men's Breakfast again this fall in September.
Beaver Valley men, please join us over at Alan & Ellen Schmidt's farm
(26520 482nd Ave, Brandon) on **Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 a.m.**

Thursday, October 19th, 7:00am– Men's Breakfast at Larry & Ardell's corn crib



September Highlights



September 3rd, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.—Worship at Boom Chapel

Boom Chapel will still be our meeting place on Sunday mornings EXCEPT that we will start to meet back at the Beaver Valley sanctuary at least the last Sunday of each month. Read in this handbook and please mark your calendars of the times when our congregation will gather at BVLC.

September 4th, Monday, 8:30 a.m. – Labor Day – Church Office Closed

September 6th, Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. – Start new schedule: Moving to indoor sanctuary for Wednesday Worship



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 6:15 p.m. sharp. A simple order of worship; guitar and piano; the lessons and Holy Communion patterns will be observed for the following Sunday.

September 6th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir Begins – Meets at Bethany Meadows community room

After a summer vacation, the BVLC Adult Choir will get started again on this first Wednesday in September. Thanks again to director Shelly Berg and accompanist, Gingi Hanson for their leadership of this important worship team. New voices always welcome! And thank you to Bethany Meadows, for welcoming us into their space on Wednesday evenings for practice.

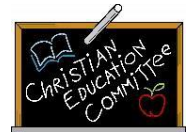


September 6th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Parents & Youth Kick off Meeting in sanctuary

Our 6th-9th graders and parents will gather in the sanctuary to make sure we are ready for a good start into learning the basics of faith. We will hand out new materials, agree on a schedule, etc. Also, we will talk about ways in which our youth can help lead our congregation (worship help, servant work, helping teach one Sunday of Sunday School in the fall, etc.)

September 7th, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

Please read the entire youth page for complete details.



September 9th, Saturday, 2:00 p.m. – Carrie Vermeer & Chris Klinkhammer Wedding at BVLC sanctuary

Another celebration at BVLC! We keep Carrie and Chris in our prayers.

September 10th, Sunday, 8:45 a.m. – Parish Life Group Meeting at George Boom Funeral Chapel

Thank you to each household in this group. Please come and hear about a busy fall during these displaced times. Your help in keeping things fun and productive cannot be overemphasized. (Please see article.)

September 10th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Rally Sunday – Kick off to the Sunday School Year



The Boom Chapel will be filled with energy and fun as children are registered, a short lesson, and then a intro to children's choir. ALL of our youth will mark this as the beginning for a new year of faithful learning and serving! THEN off to BVLC for our LOVE CARNIVAL... (See youth page article)



September Highlights



September 10th, Sunday, 5:30 p.m. – Sr. High Meeting at BVLC in youth room

September 13th, Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion – Pastor Bob Hansen

We again are thankful for Pastor Bob's willingness to lead our congregation in worship on this Wednesday night and following Sunday, the 17th.

September 13th, Wednesday – No Confirmation

September 17th, Sunday, 5:30 p.m. - Sr. High Northern Rim Meeting

We come off a wonderful week at Klein Ranch bible camp having organized and attended as a large group representing six congregations from the "northern rim" of Sioux Falls. Once a month our youth can attend this large group gathering while at the same time we will be building our own BVLC Senior High group with a mixture of youth room and out in the world as servants work. (location for each months gathering will be announced via text message...watch for notes from Deacon Suzanne Hansen and/or Pastor Greg)



September 20th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation at BVLC

After worship in the sanctuary concludes, we will then head downstairs and be creative with each lesson and/or activity. We will be done by 7:45 p.m. Still the need for some adults to help with a scaled down "Confirmation Guide" program. "Let me know if you can sit and learn with the kids..." Pastor Greg 605-940-5875



September 20th, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. – 9th Grade Confirmation

September 21st, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast at Alan & Ellen Schmidt's farm (26520 482nd Ave, Brandon)

In September, we start men's breakfast up again at Alan & Ellen Schmidt's farm. They live at 26520 482nd Ave in Brandon.

For October, we will be meeting over at Larry & Ardell's corn crib in Valley Springs.



September 21st, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

The church council will meet to conduct monthly business on this third Thursday of September.

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. We will meet in the sanctuary of Beaver Valley.



September 24th, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. – An evening at A Homestead Brew

This will be a celebration of family. There will be outside games, dinner, and conversation about the importance of being together if we are going to be family in homes and if we are going to be Christ's church in the world.

(see poster included in this newsletter)





October Highlights



October 1st, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Bible Sunday & Children sing



Beaver Valley's general fund offerings support the purchasing of bibles for our youngest children just entering Sunday School, our 3rd graders and our 6th graders (who are given their study bible as they begin confirmation). Parents, please make every effort to be in the sanctuary for this Youth and Family, milestone event where bibles will be presented 9:30 a.m. worship.

October 1st, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Women's Huddle after worship

October 4th, Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. – Wednesday Worship in Beaver Valley sanctuary

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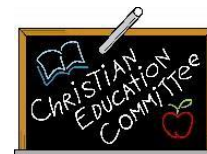
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October 5th, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

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.



October 8th, Sunday, 10:45 a.m. – Semi-annual Meeting of the Congregation at Boom Chapel



This brief but important meeting of the congregation will begin after worship is over and a coffee treats are in hand. At this meeting we always take the time to pray over the election of new church council members. If you are interested in serving on the church council, please let council president, David Vanden Hull know and your interest will be noted.

October 11th, Wednesday, 6:45p.m. – Youth Event: CORN MAZE



Our Confirmation and Sr High are taking a break from the rigors of Wednesday night confirmation classes and are going to go and enjoy an hour at the Harrisburg Corn maze. **THEY WILL BE JOINED BY OUR SENIOR HIGH THIS YEAR!!** After our evening fun, we will gather around a tailgate and have a snack and short word or two about the doing well in the "maze of life." Thank you parent drivers! We will enter the maze at 7:15 p.m. sharp!

Details about transportation will be announced. (\$5 per youth.)

October 12th, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – Super Meeting at BVLC - Church Council Meeting – "Facing Forward Retreat"



The church council will meet to have supper together and spend the first hour of their time beginning to plan the reopening of the church building...not only to pray over events such as our Dedication Sunday, but also to start opening up conversations about how we invite the broad community back into the daily and ever-changing work of our congregation. We will meet in the sanctuary of Beaver Valley.



October Highlights



October 15th, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - Sr. High Northern Rim Meeting

October 17th, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – First Communion Training #1 at BVLC

October 18th, Wednesday, 2:00-4:30 p.m. – Worship at St. Dymas



Beaver Valley Lutheran Church is invited and scheduled to attend worship with St. Dymas at the South Dakota Penitentiary on Wednesday, October 18th, be there by 2:00pm. Access forms must be completed and returned by September 24th. For more information & access forms, please contact Shelly Berg (605-376-3860) or Harley Drew (605-376-0437).



October 19th, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Larry & Ardell’s corn crib (700 Cliff Ave, Valley Springs)



October 24th, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – First Communion Training #2

October 29th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Reformation / Confirmation Sunday

Talk about a red letter day! Our Lutheran Church will look back to remember the momentous happenings that led to the birth of the Protestant tradition over 500 years ago while we also look forward to the futures of our 9th graders who will say “yes!” to their baptisms on this day. No Sunday School on this day. But the children who are in choir will sing! Parents, sit up front and let the kids really take in this dressed in red, festive day.

We pray for our nine 9th graders whose faith formation is yet shaped by the saints of the congregation. Our confirmands are:



- Klarissa Burkman
- Elliott Carbonneau
- Lily Cerwick
- Titan Gross
- Kasey Johnson
- Vivian Johnson
- Jersie Melcher
- Blake Schmidt
- Meron Yitagesu

November Highlights

November 2nd, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting

November 5th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – First Communion Sunday

It is a special All Saints/Holy Communion Sunday as another class of students receive their First Communion. Come and wrap them in the prayers of the church as they discover more fully yet the grace of God for God’s people. A special Sunday School class for our fifth graders as well as two October nights, Oct. 17th & 24th, will help get these kids ready for their big day.



November 5th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.— “Give us this Day our Daily Bread” stewardship campaign begins.



For three Sundays in a row, we will spend time talking about getting our daily ministry engine running at full speed again. Our financial support of the General Fund has slipped a bit this year—understandable with all that we are going through...still living outside our building and adding a capital campaign to build back even better. It will be good for us to intentionally pause and give thanks for all the daily bread we’ve been given to share and the many ways that we already are new ways that we might discover to do ministry in Jesus’ name.



November Highlights



November 9th, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

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

Members of Beaver Valley are always welcome to sit in on these meetings. Any business or concerns that you would like to present to the council should be made known to church council president, David Vanden Hull, at any time. We will meet in the sanctuary of Beaver Valley.



November 14th, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – New Member & Sponsor Gathering at

Welcome

Boom Chapel

November 19th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – New Members Received

November 19th, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - Sr. High Northern Rim Meeting

November 23rd, Thursday - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



November 26th, Sunday 9:30 a.m. – “Thanksgiving” Worship at Boom Chapel



This will be the one time in 2023 when we will not be worshipping at Beaver Valley sanctuary. Signup for the following week’s Advent wreath lighting ceremony participants will be posted. Households of all shapes and sizes are invited to sign up to light the Advent wreath during Advent which begins on December 3 (Signup at Boom Chapel)

November 26th, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. –No Sunday School–Thanksgiving Break

“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

A reminder that, beginning on November 5 and continuing to the end of the month the Stewardship Committee is asking that you walk your TIME and TALENTS sheets to the front of sanctuary and leave them in the designated box. Thank You all for your financial and spiritual support of Beaver Valley! Church Council

December Highlights

December 2nd, 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 3rd, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.—Worship at Boom Chapel

December 3rd, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. – Christmas Program Practice



December 6th, Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m. – Wednesday Worship in Beaver Valley sanctuary

December 6th, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 6th-8th Confirmation Class (meets in BV sanctuary)



December 9th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Rehearsal / Children’s Christmas Program Practice (speaking parts only)



December Highlights



December 10th, 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 10th, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. – Blue Christmas Chapel

This service is intended to honor the fact that for many in our community, the holidays are a particularly hard time. Any and all are invited to this quiet, meditative evening chapel.... remembering together that the Christ-child was born into darkness with the promise that light will win.



December 14th, 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, David Vanden Hull, at any time.



December 17th, Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Parish Life Group Meeting at Beaver Valley Lutheran

Thank you to each household in this group. Please come and help plan hospitality and a parish life event for the following three months. Your help in keeping things fun and productive cannot be overemphasized.

December 17th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Adult Lead Christmas Festival of Music



December 17th, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - Sr. High Northern Rim Meeting

December 24th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Fourth Sunday in Advent worship at Beaver Valley sanctuary

At this morning service, we will light the fourth of our Advent wreath candles. It is the Angel Candle. How appropriate to remember the words of the angels and the angel chorus celebration on the morning of Christmas Eve.

December 24th, Sunday, 5:00pm –Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service in Beaver Valley Sanctuary



We need help with ushering for both of our Christmas Eve candlelight services. Please sign up if you are able to help with either of the services.

December 24th, Saturday, 9:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship Candlelight Service in Beaver Valley Sanctuary



December 25th, Monday, 8:30 a.m. – Merry Christmas!!

Church is closed Christmas day. We hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday!

December 31st, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Lessons & Carols at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary

Our sanctuary is the perfect place to gather, (Christmas sweaters on!) to sing carols and listen to the sacred words that tell of God's design to save our world through the birth of his Son.



Beaver Valley YOUTH

Sunday School



Sunday School starts this year with our Rally Sunday Love Carnival. Our carnival is themed after the verse "Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." 1 John 4:7. The kids will have a fun start to a great year. We are looking for volunteers to help with the carnival games and to make desserts for our dessert walk. Below you will find the schedule for September.

- *Brittany Gerovac*

September 10th- Rally Sunday- Love Carnival

September 17th- Forgiveness Seventy Times Seven, Matthew 18: 21-35, Pg. 234

September 24th- All in a Day's Work, Matthew 20: 1-16, Pg. 238

Fall 2023 Sunday School Schedule



September 10th- **Rally Sunday- Love Carnival**

September 17th- Forgiveness Seventy Times Seven, Matthew 18: 21-35, Pg. 234

September 24th- All in a Day's Work, Matthew 20: 1-16, Pg. 238

October 1st- **Bible Sunday, Children Sing**, Words of Actions?, Matthew 21: 23-32, Pg. 242

October 8th- Whose Vineyard Is It?, Matthew 21: 33-46, Pg. 246

October 15th- Paul Encourages His Friends, Philippians 4: 1-9, Pg. 478

October 22nd- Middle of a Riddle, Matthew 22: 15-22, Pg. 250

October 29th- **Children Sing**, Confirmation Sunday, No Sunday School

November 5th- 1st Communion Sunday, Pharisees Show, Jesus Tells, Matthew 23: 1-12, Pg. 258

November 12th- Five Were Ready, Five Were Not, Matthew 25: 1-13, Pg. 262

November 19th- **Children Sing**, Christmas Program Practice

November 26th- No Sunday School Thanksgiving Weekend

December 3rd- Christmas Program Practice

Saturday December 9th- Christmas Program Practice for speaking parts 9am

December 10th- **Christmas Program**

December 17th- 31st- No Sunday School



Small Wonders Preschool

For preschool this year we have 20 kids in our 3 classes. The kids are very excited for the new school year. We have a very fun and busy year planned and can't wait to get back to the church.

BEAVER VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

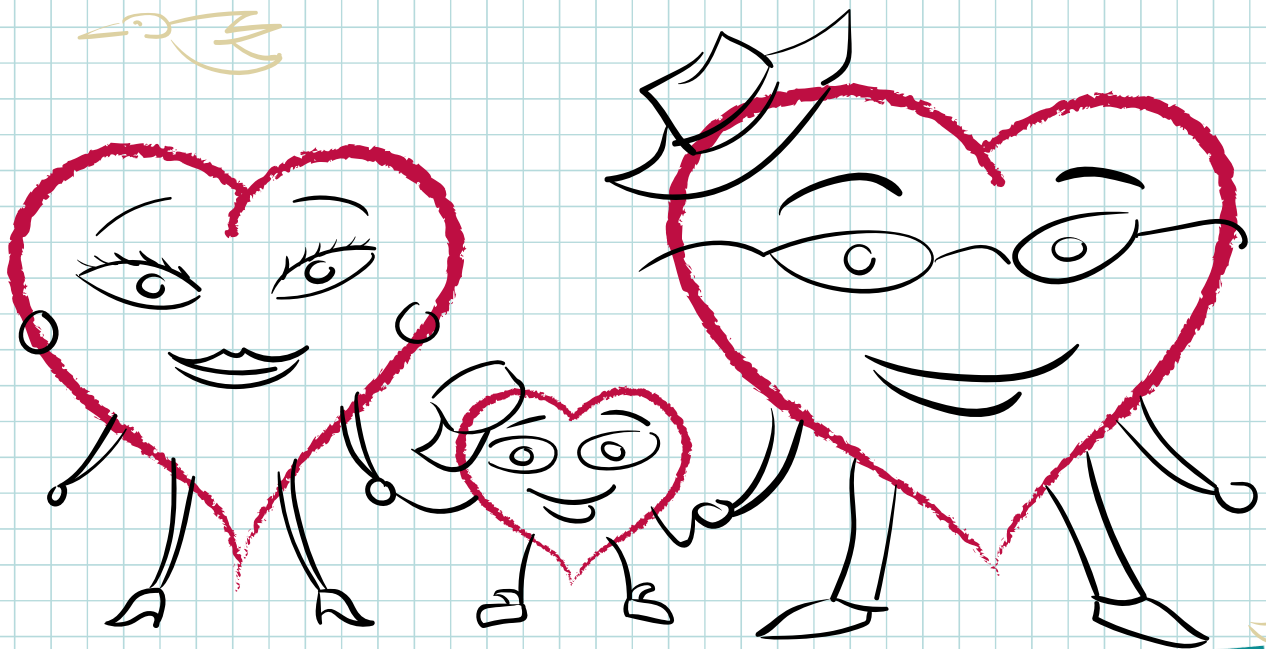
Rally Sunday Love Carnival

INFLATABLES

PRIZES

GAMES

COTTON
CANDY



10 SEP 11-1 P.M.

at our BVLC Campus

Dear friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Celebrate the love we have for one another and our new Sunday School year at this fun carnival! Admission is a can of food for the Brandon Food Pantry! Bring the whole family and some friends for food, fun, and prizes!



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 _____

Beaver Valley YOUTH

Confirmation



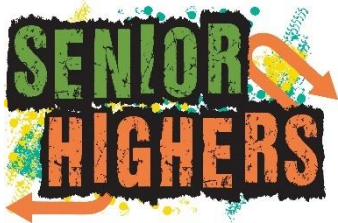
Our September 6th Kickoff night is where this years comes to life. Our nine ninth graders will begin preparing to write their formative statement of faith as the completion of their three + years of confirmation work. They will say “yes!” to the promises given to them in the waters of baptism. They will enter seamlessly into the work and fun of the Senior high.

Our 6th-8th graders will get organized...”I Send You” confirmation lessons, their NRSV Study Bible and their Lutheran Student Handbook in hand. We will get ready to head into a fall schedule that will help them learn about Doctrine...the basic teachings of Christianity rooted in the Word. Along the way, we will take time out to go and have some fun (CORN Maze on October 11th) as well as keep with our tradition of working with our partner in ministry congregation, Church on the Street, and provide some help and Christmas cheer to the home less of Sioux Falls around Christmas time (servant work). This group will also have the chance to help provide worship support through their time and talents sheet. Hoping to have some good voices as part of a Confirmation/Sr. High youth ministry team by the December 17th music festival Sunday. *Pastor Greg*

Church on the Street



Plans are being made as this fall handbook is being written. We will be giving out hot chocolate and gifts to those in need downtown Sioux Falls. Gloves and blankets will be collected at George Boom and BVLC. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.



- **Sr. High Kickoff cookout at the Swenson farm – 19 kids →**
 - **September 10th will be our next meeting of the senior high at 5:30pm in the evening at the church**
 - **Out to the fire pit for s’more’s at the end of the meeting**
- **This group will come together in the church, but also commit itself to serving outside of the church in this coming year**

A CELEBRATION
OF FAMILY

AN EVENING AT
A HOMESTEAD
BREW

SEPTEMBER 24TH

5:00 PM

26685 486th Ave
Valley Springs, SD



All are welcome!

A Homestead Brew is a farmhouse brewery that is surrounded by hops, berries and fruit trees near Valley Springs, SD.

Homestead will have a selection of non-alcoholic beverages available as well as a great selection of their craft beers.

Join us for outside games, dinner, and conversation about the importance of being together if we are going to be family in homes and if we are going to be Christ's church in the world.



Join us for a
**Women's
 Huddle** after
 worship on
**Sunday,
 October 1st at
 10:30am**

Save The Date - October 21, 2023
 Crossroads Conference Women of the ELCA
 Leadership Fall Gathering Event
 West Nidaros Lutheran Church
 25403 471st Ave, Crooks, SD
 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

All unit officers are especially encouraged to attend,
 but all are welcome!

Featured Speakers

Rev Paul Johnston, ELCA Systems Consultant
 Jamie Lennon - Lutheran World Relief, Manager
 for Congregational Engagement

Updated and Focused information from each Welca Officer Position

Faith Community Nursing Project Survey

As a part of the Faith Community Nurse Project, a small group of members have reviewed and revised a congregational survey. This survey will be handed out during Sunday worship and Wednesday night chapel for October the 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, and the 5th of November. You need only to fill it out on one occasion. The survey will be used to guide the direction for the Faith Community Nurse. No names will be used but age, sex, as well as questions on interests will be gathered. There are a variety of questions, and you may choose to answer all or some of them. Members of this small group will distribute the surveys and collect them at the conclusion of our service. Please help us in making this a worthwhile project to benefit everyone. Questions can be addressed to Sue Johannsen - suejohannsen@hotmail.com or 605-354-3876.

Thanks in advance for your input.
 Sue



Calling all kids away from home for school.
 Your home church would like to keep in touch with you through
 periodic cards in the mail. Please provide your snail mail address
 to Ardell Johnson: princessann@alliancecom.net or
 call 605-757-6273.
 Organized by God's Creators.

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Parish Life Groups

The third PLG, "**HOPE**", has their first meeting **Sunday, September 10th at 8:45 a.m. at Boom Funeral Home.** They will look out over October, November, and December and consider the life of our parish. Leaders will be asked to step forward to be the contact person(s) when parish life events and needs arise or are formulated by the group themselves. At this meeting we will make sure that we have good contact information within the group itself. We will make sure that every household within that group during that three month period of time is specifically invited into the joyous, often servant work of Beaver Valley.

Denis & Janet Andersen

Joyce Anderson

Doug Anderson

Paul & Shelly Berg

Devin & Taya Berndt

Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford

John & Crystal Burkman

Scott & Laura Carbonneau

Bill & Donna Dawley

Greg & Shannon Devaney

Maria Engels

Corey & Brittany Gerovac

Harlan & Linda Gjoraas

Dwayne Goblirsch & Isabell Larson

Dan & Gingi Hanson

Mary Hanson

Susan Johannsen

Larry & Ardell Johnson

Robert & Jill Kiefer

Pastor Terry Knudson

Winston & Rebecca Loman

Martha McDonald

Ronald & Jeanne Nelsen

Randy & Bonnie Nelson

Don & Becky Nolte

LeRoy & Virginia Pappenfus

Tom & Ade Pederson

Curt & Doris Phillips

Judy Richards

Trudy Roberts

Terry & Karla Schneider

Gerald & Janet Scott

Dan & Trish Steen

Seth & Shannon Weber

Dawn Weyh

The month of August was Beaver Valley's turn to deliver Meals on Wheel in Brandon.

The list for food delivery was much easier this August. Active Generations delivered the meals earlier, so we could deliver faster and on time.

14 meals delivered for 23 Days - Monday through Friday & 45 minutes to 1 hour time donated daily & 8-mile area in the City

Beaver Valley Volunteers this month were:

Mike and Heidi Schacht

Harley Drew

Kathy Reisenweber

Sylvia Benson

JoAnn Keyser

Dan and Gingi Hanson

Deb Moritz

Christy Johnson

Thank You for signing up, and showing up on time! Wonderful gift for our community!

Please consider signing up for this volunteer mission in March of 2024!

Peace and Grace! Beth Flier/ Church in Society

thank you



Career Closets Volunteers Needed

You can help the LSS Career Closet connect people with needed household & clothing items. The Career Closet offers professional attire for job interviews, casual clothing for all ages, quilts, and other household goods.

Multiple shifts available between 10 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Want to get involved?

Email NICHOLE.FLETCHER@LSSSD.ORG to see what shifts are available if interested in volunteering.

(The Career Closet is open to the public and has given out 804 items to help individuals and families in the month of July)

CHURCH COUNCIL

August 10, 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: Harley Drew

Absent: Scott Hansel and Kelly Wright

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve April Minutes was made by Greg Johnson and seconded by Mary Lee.

Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to approve the May Treasurers report was made by Shelly Berg and seconded by Brittany Gerovac. Motion carried.

Business:

MMSC: Motion by Corey Maunu to borrow cash from the general fund to Gil Haugen \$44,001.12 until our Certificate of Deposits mature on September 5, 2023. At this time the general fund will be reimbursed seconded by Al Schmidt. Motion Carried.

MMSC: Motion by Greg Johnson to approve the office flow design as recommended by the Office Flow Committee. These modifications are not to exceed a total of \$10,000.00 which is to include moving the existing wall as approved in last month's Church Council meeting seconded by Al Schmidt. Motion carried.

MMSC: Motion by Greg Johnson to accept the gift of risers from Trinity Lutheran in Tea. We will take possession of this gift by August 23, 2023, seconded by Dave Schnabel. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee: Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- No report

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

- Planning on worship service at St. Dysmas on October 19th.

Education and Youth Ministry: Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- VBS was a success. Next year the VBS encompass additional days in the curriculum.
- Rally Sunday is September 10th. The theme this year is "Celebrating Love". Will be have a love carnival on the church grounds.

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. Will come to council at the September meeting with details of these upgrades.

Personnel: Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull, Rick Bonander

- No Report.

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

- Dave is working on making the old church kitchen usable for communion preparation and clean up.
- The Rebuild open house will be Sunday August 20th. Tours will be given to those who want to see the progress that has been made at our campus. Since this is a construction site would request that those younger than 18 years old stay outside of the building.

Stewardship: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson, Rick Bonander

- A letter to the congregation was sent providing an update of our financial position for the first 6 months of 2023 to the congregation.
- Will continue to teach the daily ministry that Beaver Valley supports in our congregation and the surrounding community.

Worship & Music: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

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

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

- Will review plan on completing graphic wall design timeline. This should be added on to as the congregation celebrates special events.
- Looking forward is now the focus of the 150th committee. How to keep our ministry relevant for the next 150 years in this community.

Beaver Valley Churchmen: Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson

- Resume meeting in September.

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. Was a positive event for the youth.
- **Youth retreat**-August 27th at Matt and Heather Swensen's. This year youth will have small group meetings as well as activities to support community faith projects.
- **Sunday Worship Changes**-Starting on September 24th and every Sunday at the end of the month the congregation will be worshipping in the Beaver Valley Sanctuary. Starting to make the move home.
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MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Bonander and seconded by Shelly Berg. Motion carried.

Devotions for September 21st meeting will be Greg Johnson

Total Donations Given to the Tornado Fund 2022-23: \$301,588.57



September



WORSHIP LEADERS – SEPTEMBER - 2023				
	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24
Greeters:	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Kevin & Kim Petterson	Mike & Heidi Schacht	Kevin & Georgia Backer
Lectors:	Janet Andersen	Sylvia Benson	Dennis Moritz	Nancy Johnson
Children's Sermon:	Mary Lee	Beth Flier	Deb Moritz	Pastor Greg Johnson
Ushers:	Larry & Ardell Johnson	Mike Swenson, Mable Wilcox	Kelly & Will Kruse	Terry & Kate Brick
Communion Servers:	Dave & Anita Schnabel, Kathy Reisenweber, Nancy Johnson	NONE	Ron & Jeanne Nelsen, JoAnn Keyser, Gingi Hanson	NONE
Communion Preparers:	Mike & Cheryl Hluchy Wednesday 30th: Lowell & Mary Johnson	NONE	Mike & Cheryl Hluchy Wednesday 13th: Lowell & Mary Johnson	NONE
Communion Bread:	Harley Drew	NONE	Harley Drew	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu
Flags:	Gary Parker	Joel Flier	Troy Prohl	Kevin Backer
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Dave Schnabel Kelly Wright	Kevin Backer Marvin Burkman	Dale Hanson Dan Feeken	Kelly Wright Marvin Burkman

Note: If you are unable to serve on the date assigned or need to make changes to the schedule, please notify 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!

Angela Arndt	9/1	Angie Holz	9/17
Zoey Berghorst	9/1	Chris Surdez	9/17
Jeffrey McPadden	9/1	Heather Nelson	9/18
Briana Waldner	9/1	Katelyn Burkman	9/19
Janet Andersen	9/2	Diana Albers	9/20
Ruth Tieszen	9/2	Ashley Olesen	9/21
Brian Andersen	9/5	Luke Fiscus	9/22
Jeffery Hansen	9/6	Rylee Steuerwald	9/22
Fern Fechner	9/7	Emily Roberts	9/23
Luke Feeken	9/8	Dave Schnabel	9/23
Spencer Wegner	9/8	Barb Swanson	9/24
Sonja Hanson	9/9	Lisa Hanisch	9/25
Anthony Surdez	9/9	Jason Melcher	9/26
Joy Nelson	9/10	Jersie Melcher	9/26
Krista Hanson	9/11	Brayden Rust	9/27
Justin Myers	9/11	Jessica Green	9/28
Judy Richards	9/11	Janna Kloth	9/28
Kara Shroll Blue	9/11	Coe Melcher	9/28
Doug Sieck	9/11	Abbey Erickson	9/29
April Boucher	9/15	Dan Larson	9/29
Dustin Guischer	9/15	Shelly Renken	9/29
Tom Hanson	9/15	Darwin Surdez	9/29
Chad Fechner	9/17	Douglas Clark	9/30

SEPTEMBER 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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3 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	4 Labor Day – Office Closed	5 3:30p Pastor’s Text Study	6 6:15p Start New Schedule: Move Indoors to sanctuary - Wednesday Worship 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir at Bethany Meadows Community Room	7 6:30p Education Committee Meeting	8	9 2:00p Carrie Vermeer & Chris Klinkhammer Wedding at BVLC sanctuary
10 8:45a Parish Life Group Meeting at George Boom 9:30a Worship – Rally Sunday 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Sunday School 11-1p Love Carnival for Sunday School kids 5:30p Sr. High Meeting at BVLC in youth room	11	12 (Pastor out of office 12 th -17 th)	13 6:15p Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion– Pastor Bob Hansen No Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir at Bethany Meadows Community Room	14	15	16
17 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion – Pastor Bob Hansen 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Sunday School 5:30p Sr High Northern Rim Meeting	18	19 3:30p Pastor’s Text Study	20 6:15p Wednesday Worship 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir at Bethany Meadows Community Room 8:00p 9 th Grade Confirmation	21 7:00a Men’s Breakfast at Alan & Ellen Schmidt’s farm (26520 482 nd Ave, Brandon) 7:00p Church Council Meeting	22	23
24 9:30a Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran sanctuary 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Sunday School 5:00p Fall Gathering @ A Homestead Brew	25	26 3:30p Pastor’s Text Study	27 6:15p Wednesday Worship 7:00p Confirmation 7:00p Adult Choir at Bethany Meadows Community Room	28	29	30