



# 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

**May 2024**



Thank you Outdoor Task Force members, Randy Nelsen and Kelly Kruse, for clearing trees to get ready for summer Outdoor Worship.



**Farewell to Pastor Greg & Nancy & Outdoor Worship Begins Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (see more details inside)**

## MAY NEWS

**Wednesday Worship in BVLC sanctuary-Wednesdays, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:15 p.m.**

**Mother's Day Craft for the kids – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:35 a.m.**

**Brandon Loyalty Parade – Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**

**Church Council Meeting – Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**Sr. High Servant Team Meeting – Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m.**

**Graduate Senior Recognition – Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**

**Memorial Wknd Worship Sunday at BVLC – Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.**

**Farewell for Pastor Greg & Nancy–Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Outdoor Worship Begins – Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**



# Thank You

We have arrived at that time in our relationship as pastor and congregation where we have to choose what we will say to one another at the end. Beginning on January 1, 2014 and now soon to conclude my call to serve at the end of May, I have been blessed to be a part of Beaver Valley. I think we have had far more good days together than bad. I am thankful for our almost ten and half years of ministry. I am amazed at what God has done among us—represented so perfectly in the many people who are leading this congregation, “each part working properly” says St. Paul—I see that here.

With just a few weeks left, the month of May will be precious and important. Precious in that each Sunday will have its gospel themes as always...this Word our guide in this complicated world. Precious in that the width and breadth of our congregation is returning to our new building with a noticeable energy to get back to being more fully a broad-based congregation committed to one another and to this ever-changing world around us. Precious in that I will have one more chance to be with various groups and individuals within the congregation—occasions not to be wasted.

May is important. The direction of the South Dakota Synod staff is important to honor. They say, “When a pastor is leaving a congregation, it is essential that the first thing is do a good job of saying goodbye.” Yes, first a chance to grieve and celebrate and pray. Then will come the election of a call committee. Then will come the important work of a parish study that will form the backdrop for the entire call process down the road. Then, to welcome those who will come and serve during the interim months.

For Nancy and me, the most important thing for us to do is to say thank you with everything ounce of our being. Thank you for welcoming us into your history of service and faith. Thank you for letting us be who we are—skills and blemishes for sure. Thank you, then, for friendships that will never be forgotten. Thank you for laughter and tears. Thank you for Christmas Eves in our stately sanctuary and out in the crisp cold air of our Bethlehem-like pavilion.

Our last scheduled time to be together will be on Wednesday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being made by the church council, in conversation with synod staff, for a proper farewell. At the center of it will be Wednesday evening worship. I haven’t written the sermon yet, but I picture being with you and trying to find the words to thank you and our God for the years we’ve been given.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a yellow rectangular highlight.

Pastor Greg Johnson



# May Highlights



## **May 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, 6:15 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 6:15 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.*



## **May 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir**

*The last couple of scheduled nights for Adult Choir in May before summer break will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Adult Choir will be singing on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> in worship.*

## **May 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – No Confirmation – Summer Break**

## **May 5<sup>th</sup>, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.—Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran**

## **May 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. – Mother’s Day Craft for the kids** *(see youth page for details)*

## **May 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – Brandon’s Loyalty Day Parade**

*If you would like to be part of our float and walking team in the parade, please meet us at Brandon Valley High School at 11:00 a.m.*

## **May 9<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 May. 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.*



## **May 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 5:00-8:00 p.m. – Trevor Swenson’s Graduation Open House at The Swenson’s Home (48452 265<sup>th</sup> St. Valley Springs, SD)**

*Everyone is welcome!*

## **May 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Rhett Kloth Open House at the Kloth’s Shop (1805 N Walnut St, Brandon, SD)**

*Everyone is welcome!*



## **May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Happy Mother’s Day!!**



## **May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – No Sunday School – Summer Break**

## **May 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – Music & Worship Committee Meeting**

*This talented group will help give shape to the many and differing worship services during the month of May. Thanks to Gingi Hanson, Ruth Tieszen, Georgia Backer, Sylvia Benson, and Sally Rosin for their month-in, month-out help with worship planning.*



## **May 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – No Adult Choir – Summer Party at Sue Johannsen’s (2717 Augusta St, Brandon, SD)**

## **May 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. - Sr. High Servant Team Meeting**

## **May 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast at Kingbird Coffee**



# May Highlights



**May 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. – Nathan Johnson’s Graduation Party at Johnson’s House (601 Southside, Valley Springs, SD) *Everyone is invited!***



**May 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 5:00-10:00 p.m. – Nolan Schmidt’s Graduation Party at The Schmidt’s Farm (26520 482<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Brandon, SD) *Everyone is welcome!***



**May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Senior Recognition Sunday**

*Come and say a prayer over this year’s high school graduates! A special reception will be held after church for Jon Anderson, Morgan Beck, Zoey Berghorst, Ethan Braucht, Nathan Johnson, Rhett Kloth, Liberty Lenling, Abigale Olesen, Ireland McPadden, Eric Roberts, Madisyn Rust, Nolan Schmidt, Trevor Swenson, and Payton Waldner. Baskets will be set out for each of these graduates so that you can share a greeting with them.*



**May 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday – Curt Albery Memorial Golf Tournament**

*Beaver Valley will have a team in this annual golf benefit for our Bethany Home. Sign up if you are interested in being on a team from Beaver Valley! BVLC is looking to have 2 teams of 4 for this event. The cost of the event is \$800 per team. Please use the link below to sign up.*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADA822A0F5C52-49108687-curt>

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Memorial Day Weekend Sunday Worship**

*You won’t want to miss this special Sunday Worship as it is Pastor Greg’s last Sunday morning here at Beaver Valley Lutheran! The farewell for Pastor Greg and Nancy on the 29<sup>th</sup>.*



**May 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Happy Memorial Day!**

*Church office will be closed on this Memorial Day Monday. Blessings upon everyone’s remembrances.*

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday – Celebration of Friendship & Farewell for Pastor Greg & Nancy**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship Begins!**



*Join us on Wednesday evenings for Outdoor Worship in the pavilion through the summer. Thanks to those who can help with worship set up over the summer on Wednesday evenings. Invite a friend or neighbor!*

*You won’t want to miss this special Wednesday night as it is Pastor Greg’s last Wednesday night with Beaver Valley Lutheran!*



**Please save the date:  
& Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> - Celebration of Friendship  
& Farewell for Pastor Greg and Nancy.**

**Sue Johannsen, Ann Beesley, Linda Dawley, Larry Johnson, and Gingi Hanson are on the Farewell Committee. Please let one of them know if you can help in planning Pastor Greg’s Farewell on Wednesday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>. More details will follow.**

# Beaver Valley YOUTH Sunday School

## Sunday School

April brought our last day of Sunday School and our final time singing before the summer. Thank you to Mary Lee for the great baskets that were used as centerpieces for Dedication Sunday that we repurposed as May Day baskets for our final project! We will have our Mother's Day celebration day on Sunday, May 5th. The kids will be decorating aprons for their moms! Wishing all of these wonderful kiddos a great end of the school year and a very fun summer!

- Brittany Gerovac

# CHILDREN'S Sunday School



Have a great  
**Summer**  
VaCation!



## Small Wonders Preschool

In April we learned about Farms and our beautiful earth. May brings graduation! We have 16 kids that are graduating and off to the "big" school next year! Graduation will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> and is always a wonderful way to reflect on the school year and celebrate these awesome kids! We will hold an open house towards the end of May for new families that will be joining us for the 2024-25 school year.



Hope to see everyone at our Camp Firelight VBS  
July 23-25. See the flyer for more information.

You can register at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA9AF2DA0FE3-49238849-camp>





**Tuesday-Thursday July 23-25 | 5:30-7:30pm**

Free Ages 3yrs- 4th grade | 5th grade- high school are encouraged to volunteer.

Camp Firelight will help campers learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each night we will start with a light supper. Our last day of VBS will end with a bonfire.

Please sign-up by contacting Brittany at 605-201-9183 or going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA9AF2DA0FE3-49238849-camp>

# Beaver Valley YOUTH



## Confirmation—

I think back on the past year and give thanks for our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, their parents and our confirmation guides who committed themselves to the work and the fun of faith! We learned about our Lutheran Teachings and spent good time better understanding the Lord's Prayer.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, we brought this busy year to a close: every confirmation student with parents attending our closing night of study, open conversation about the world that needs us and then to our fellowship hall for some ice cream treats and conversation. Thanks to all! *Pastor Greg*

## Sr. High

Our Senior High are still waiting for that night when they can enter their new youth room space and get to work remodeling it into “their place!” At the writing of this newsletter, their youth room is still packed with items that need to go elsewhere. This getting things in the right place will happen soon.

With that being said, I hope that a large group of kids can show up on Wednesday evening **May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. for a work night.** We will trust that by that time all the church belongings that aren't meant to be in the youth room will be gone and things like the painting of the chalk board wall, installation of cabinets, building of the youth room, interactive altar can happen. Please help spread the word that this night is for NEXT year's 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders especially! Watch for text messages in the second week of May. Thanks, kids and parents! *Pastor Greg*

class of  
2024

Senior

## May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Senior Recognition Sunday

Come and say a prayer over this year's high school graduates!

A special reception will be held after church for the following 14 graduates.

- **Jon Anderson, Morgan Beck, Zoey Berghorst, Ethan Braucht, Nathan Johnson, Rhett Kloth, Liberty Lenling, Abigale Olesen, Ireland McPadden, Eric Roberts, Madisyn Rust, Nolan Schmidt, Trevor Swenson, and Payton Waldner**

Baskets will be set out for each of these graduates so that you can share a greeting with them. Please let the office know if a member of your family is graduating this year. These graduates will be honored and “sent” on this third Sunday in May.

# 2024 GRADUATES



## *Morgan Beck*

Morgan will be graduating from Brandon Valley High School. During all four years of high school she was a flute in the Marching Lynx and the Brandon Valley High School concert band. After she graduates, Morgan plans on taking a gap year to work and hopefully travel. Then she plans on attending cosmetology school to become a nail tech.



## *Nathan Johnson*

2024 graduate of Brandon Valley High School, plans to explore his options for employment. He is currently working as an intern for Richardz Repair in Larchwood, IA.

Everyone is invited!

**Nathan Johnson**

**Graduation Party**

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4-7 pm

Johnson's House, 601

Southside, Valley Springs, SD



## *Rhett Kloth*

Dell Rapids High School Class of 2024

Rhett plans to attend Northeast Community College in Norfolk, NE pursuing an associate's degree in Business while also working on the farm and driving truck for his uncle and grandpa in Oakland, NE.

**Rhett's Open House**

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 5-7 pm

Kloth's Shop, 1805 N Walnut

Ave, Brandon, SD

Everyone welcome!



## *Ethan Braucht*

Ethan Braucht is planning on attending Augustana University this fall. He is majoring in Music Education and Digital Music Production.





# 2024 GRADUATES



*Liberty Lenling*

After high school, I plan on going to Bellevue University in Nebraska. As of right now, I'm majoring in Psychology, but I might switch to Criminal Justice.



*Ireland McPadden*

Plans after high school: I will be attending GCU in Phoenix, AZ this fall to pursue a major in Education with a Christian emphasis.



*Abby Olesen*

Abby is graduating from Brandon Valley High School and plans to attend Stewart's School for Cosmetology. She has plans on opening her own salon one day.

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*Eric Roberts*

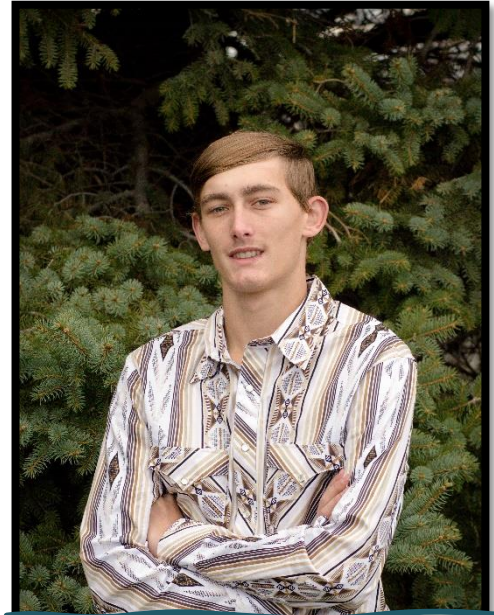
2024 BVHS grad  
Future plans: undecided, taking a "gap" year to determine future plans while working

# 2024 GRADUATES



*Madisyn Rust*

Madisyn Rust plans to attend SDSU in the fall and major in Math and Data Science.



*Nolan Schmidt*

Nolan Schmidt was active in football, baseball, FFA Vice President and District 7 Sentinel. He completed an internship at Dells Vet Clinic and will attend SDSU.

Everyone is invited!

**Nolan's Graduation Party!**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5pm – 10pm  
26520 482<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Brandon, SD 57005

RSVP to Allan (call or text)

605-201-0734

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*Trevor Swenson*

2024 graduate of Brandon Valley High School. Plans to attend the Medical EMT/firefighter program at Lake Area Technical College in Watertown, SD and continue with his taxidermy business, Four Brothers Taxidermy, part-time.

**Join us for an open house at the Swenson's to celebrate!**

Saturday, May 11 from 5-8pm. 48452 265th street  
Valley Springs, SD 57068

  
**2024**

## Outdoor Worship Begins May 29<sup>th</sup>!

We have Wednesday Volunteer Opportunities available for those who are willing to help with worship setup on Wednesday evenings throughout this summer. Please let the church office know if you can help this summer at [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org)



Thank you to everyone for their participation in the "All Leadership Workshop" held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our theme for the day ended up being "every part working together properly". Over 50 participants representing the committees and organizations of the church.



### Church Office Update

May brings some changes in the church office. We welcomed Jacqui Shoemaker as the church office manager. She will be now be taking care of all normal church office needs including answering all phone calls and emails, keeping the master calendar, mid-week emails, producing bulletins, announcements, song inserts, sign-ups, ordering church office supplies, monthly newsletters, etc. Church hours will now be 9:00am - 3:00pm, Monday – Thursday.

As soon as the office is ready, stop in to say hello!

Kari Morgan will be working reduced hours as she will still be taking care of all weekly offering reports and recording offering through Shepherd's Staff. She will also be updating the church website and church Facebook page weekly and help as office support as Jacqui settles into the weekly office flow of things.

Jacqui and Kari will be communicating every week and working together to make sure that all church office needs are taken care of.

### Blood Pressure Screening Test after worship – Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am

Sue Johannsen is planning on doing a B/P screening on June the 9<sup>th</sup> after worship. This event will provide a screening blood pressure test for any one who is interested. There will be no charge. Educational materials will be available as well.

### Sign up for ONLINE GIVING! We will make it easy.

Please fill out the attached online Simply Giving Form. Return this to the church office or email to [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org). The frequency of giving can be chosen to withdrawal weekly, monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, or on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Start and stop as you please. One-time giving is also available. Please let Kari Morgan know if you have any questions.

(If you would rather sign up online yourself, Kari can help you sign up through Vanco.)

# AUTHORIZATION FORM

The Simply Giving® Program  
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Name of the organization: Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
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Effective date of authorization: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Type of authorization:

<input type="checkbox"/> New authorization	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date
<input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information	<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation	

Last Name	First Name	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email Address		

DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION:	FUNDS:	AMOUNTS:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays	<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital/Maintenance Fund	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>		
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<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i>  Account Number: _____ 
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

*If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.*



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## Save The Date

### June 19, 2024

Please put this date on your calendar. It will be for our Midsommar Celebration. This will be a fun filled evening. Dakota Road will be the featured music of the evening. More details will be provided once available. You won't want to miss out on this wonderful event.

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**Sponsor this event and register your team today**

- **EAGLE \$5,000**  
*All event recognition, 2 teams*
- **BIRDIE \$2,500**  
*Breakfast & lunch recognition, 2 teams*
- **PAR \$1,500**  
*Range & putting green recognition, 1 team*
- **TEAM \$800**  
*Help Bethany help people*

This Golf Tournament is our **LARGEST FUNDRAISING** event of the year.

**The Curt Alberty Memorial Golf Tournament for the benefit of Bethany**

**Brandon Golf Course**

**Tuesday MAY 21**

Register at 7:30 | 8:00am shotgun start

**Reserve your team today!**  
email Jim Erickson at [jerickson@bethanylutheranhome.com](mailto:jerickson@bethanylutheranhome.com)

**Bethany**  
HOMES | MEADOWS | FOUNDATION

  
Jim Heinitz  
2024 Golf Committee Chair

**Support Bethany and golf with our 2024 Golf Committee Chair, Jim Heinitz**

For the benefit of Bethany. Support Bethany's Chaplaincy Program, the Shelter of the Lord canopy project, along with other projects benefitting the residents in our care. BVLC is looking to have 2 teams of 4 for this event. The cost of the event is \$800 per team. Please use the link below to sign up.

7:30 am Continental Breakfast/Registration

8:00 am Shotgun Start

12:00 pm Burger and Brat Lunch

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADA822A0F5C52-49108687-curt>

# COMING ATTRACTIONS!

## ***News from the Outdoor Task Force Committee...***



You may have noticed the work happening in our “backyard” around the Pavilion area. With many thanks to Randy Nelson, dead and dying trees and stumps have been removed and site work has been done to ready our grounds for another part of the rebuild—THE PAVILION GARDENS.

The Committee would like to share with our church family the plans that are beginning to take shape to make our campus even more beautiful and inviting. There are steps we want to take to make certain this project is done correctly, while keeping costs as reasonable as possible.

We are connecting with nurseries in the area to create a master plan for The Gardens—a plan that can be implemented in sections, as funds allow. This would include a bird’s eye view of the entire project design, what will be planted and where, and the cost for each section as well as individual plantings.

Once we have a master plan in place, we will provide a colorized blueprint of the project to post and share with everyone. Attached to, or near this blueprint will be a sign-up sheet for anyone to give a gift toward this project. We will begin around the Pavilion and expand, by sections, as funds and sponsorships allow.

If you have any questions, please contact any committee member:

Denis Andersen  
Susan Kruse

Terry & Kate Brick  
Randy & Bonnie Nelson

Alan & Ellen Schmidt  
PJ Hansel

Pastor Greg  
Deb Moritz

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## ***News from the Legacy Committee...(formerly known as the 150th Committee)***

With our 150th Celebration behind us, there is one more planned project that remains. This committee is working to create wall displays to honor and showcase the rich history of our church. These displays will be located in various places throughout our building.

We are researching landmark events in our history, and identifying stories and photos of those persons and groups who have played a role in the evolution of Beaver Valley Lutheran.

We have begun to sort through whatever we can find. Currently, our hands are a little bit tied knowing more photos and historical information are buried in our storage units. We look forward to the day we will have access to them, as we want to use “the best of the best” that we have.

If you are in possession of anything that might aid this project, please contact any committee member:

Denis & Janet Andersen  
Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford

Cory Beck  
Dale Hanson

Larry Johnson  
Bonnie Nelson

Deb Moritz



**Church and Cemetery 2024**

<b>Riding Mowers:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>e-mail address</b>	<b>Weeks Responsible</b>	<b>Trimmers:</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>e-mail address</b>
<b>Group 1</b>	Dan Feeken Nolan Schmidt Jacob Fiscus	605-366-4874 605-400-9407 605-201-0734	<a href="mailto:doodlehans@gmail.com">doodlehans@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:webe0135@gmail.com">webe0135@gmail.com</a>	Apr 29-May 3 June 3-7 July 8-12 Aug 12-15 Sept 16-20	Dale Hanson Dan Hanson Bob Hansen	605-759-5259 605-359-2533 605-553-0885	<a href="mailto:dhanson4@alliancecom.net">dhanson4@alliancecom.net</a> <a href="mailto:gingi@alliancecom.net">gingi@alliancecom.net</a> <a href="mailto:rdhansen1517@gmail.com">rdhansen1517@gmail.com</a>
<b>Group 2</b>	Dennis Moritz Brenda and Cory Winter	507-673-0007 605-360-0194	<a href="mailto:d.moritz@isd2184.net">d.moritz@isd2184.net</a> <a href="mailto:kleinbred@yahoo.com">kleinbred@yahoo.com</a>	May 6-10 June 10-14 July 15-19 Aug 19-23 Sept 23-27	<b>South Cemetery</b> <b>Mowers</b>		<b>South Cemetery</b> e-mail
<b>Group 3</b>	Wright Family	605-212-6193	<a href="mailto:wrightkiehe@gmail.com">wrightkiehe@gmail.com</a>	May 13-17 June 17-21 July 22-26 Aug 26-30 Sept 30-Oct 4	Randy Nelson Wright Family	605-310-0459 605-212-6193	<a href="mailto:rbn@alliancecom.net">rbn@alliancecom.net</a> <a href="mailto:wrightkiehe@gmail.com">wrightkiehe@gmail.com</a>
<b>Group 4</b>	Bruce Bonander Cody Holz	712-470-0370 712-477-2039	none <a href="mailto:aholz@alliancecom.net">aholz@alliancecom.net</a>	May 20-24 June 24-28 July 29-Aug 2 Sept 2-6 Oct 7-11			
<b>Group 5</b>	Mike Schacht Dwayne Goblirsch Isabell Larson	507-220-3763 605-553-1757 605-359-0474	<a href="mailto:hmes.schacht@gmail.com">hmes.schacht@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:dgoblirsch@innotek-ep.com">dgoblirsch@innotek-ep.com</a> <a href="mailto:isabelllarson@rocketmail.com">isabelllarson@rocketmail.com</a>	May 27-31 July 1-5 Aug 5-9 Sept 9-13 Oct 14-18			
<b>Group 6</b>							



REGISTRATION FORM

# SD Women of the ELCA 37<sup>th</sup> Synodical Convention

June 19-21, 2024

First Lutheran Church, 411 N. Duff, Mitchell, SD

Please **Circle** one: Voting Member    Non-Voting Member

**(One voting member per unit)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: \$50 before May 15, 2024 \$65 May 16 or later**

includes Thursday noon meal and Thursday evening Banquet meal

*Wednesday eve grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be served by the youth at First Lutheran as a fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering. —if yes, add \$10 by June 19*

**Register online at: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/8577338>**

**On-site registration starts at 3 pm Wednesday, June 21st**

**Direct any questions to Darla Toben 605-880-3506 [dgtoben@itctel.com](mailto:dgtoben@itctel.com)**

**Mail-in registration to Darla Toben 47906 171<sup>st</sup> St, Clear Lake SD 57226**

***Each unit is invited to bring an Offering, Love Offering, and/or ONE Silent Auction***

**OFFERING**

Half to Churchwide

Half to SD Women of the ELCA

**LOVE OFFERINGS**

Suave women's deodorant, baby lotion, 3-pack Crest toothpaste, coloring books, word find books, sudoku books, crew neck sweatshirts (without a hood) and sweat pants for residents at the Abbott House

**SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS**

Katie's Fund

**You are responsible for your own lodging.**

Blocks of rooms are available at these Mitchell hotels under the name: **SD Women of the ELCA**

*All have 2 queen beds and all serve a hot breakfast.*

*You must call by June 6th.*

Super 8 Hotel – \$99 + tax – 2 queen beds/room

1700 S Burr St, Mitchell SD 57301

605-996-9678

Kelly Inn & Suites – \$135 + tax – 2 queen beds/room

\$159 + tax – Family room: 2 queens/double sofa bed

1010 Cabela Drive, Mitchell SD 57301

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

April 11, 2024

**Attendees:** Jason Haak (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2027) Dan Feeken (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2027)  
Brittany Gerovac (2<sup>nd</sup> Term-2027) David Vanden Hull (2<sup>nd</sup> Term-2027)

Kelly Wright (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2026) Alan Schmidt (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2026)  
Scott Hansel (1<sup>st</sup> Term 2026) Ann Beesley (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2026)

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)

Pastor Greg Johnson Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)  
Guest: Bruce Bonander

**Call to Order:** David Vanden Hull

**Devotions:** Scott Hansel

**Absent:** Shelly Berg

**Approval of prior meeting minutes:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve the January Minutes was made by Ann Beesley and seconded by Al Schmidt. Motion carried.**

**Business:**

- **Ann Beesley will contact Randy and Bonnie Nelson about using the float that Randy has, which is a mini replica of the pavilion in the Loyalty Day Parade.**
- **Discuss updating the photo of BVLC that is on the Alliance TV channel.**
- **Playground synthetic mulch options were discussed. Dave Schnabel and Al Schmidt will get bids.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Cemetery Committee:** Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- 2024 mowing schedule will be prepared and sent out very soon.

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

- Senior Recognition is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Sunday School 2023/2024 term will end on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Preschool graduation is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- VBS will be July 23-25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30-7:30 theme is "Campfire Light." Registration for VBS will conclude on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Evangelism and Outreach:** Council Assignment, Mary Lee

- Mary will contact Janet Andersen about updating Alliance TV photo.

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

- **Upgraded audio equipment for the sanctuary has arrived and is waiting to be installed.**

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

- Jacqui Shoemaker has been hired as the new Office Manager.
- Starting application process for church janitor. Will offer this position to the members of the congregation 2 weeks prior, before advertising to the community at large.

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

- Scott Hansel will assume the chair of the property committee.
- Waiting for the electrical inspection of re-build.
- Sue Johannsen purchased a water heater to be installed in the basement kitchen as this is the space that communion will be prepared moving forward.
- Thanks to Randy Nelson and Al Schmidt for their land spacing work on the outside campus.
- Observing a new crack in a beam in the sanctuary, have contacted a specialist to advise the best repair.
- Will need to address how to control the humidity in the sanctuary at a constant level.
- Intek disappointed in their cleaning effort in both the re-build as well as the sanctuary.

**Stewardship:** Council Assignment, Pastor Greg Johnson, Rick Bonander & Jason Haak

- Will be sending out a letter thanking our members for their continued support of the BVLC ministry.
- Explore ideas for members support ministry in non-traditional ways.

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

- A good active faithful committee

**Legacy Committee:** Council Assignment, Steering Committee, Rick Bonander

- April 7<sup>th</sup> Dedication service with the bishop presiding followed by a panoramic picture of the congregation with a program of thanks concluded with a meal in the Fellowship Hall.
- Meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> to select pictures that represent the events on the timeline for the historical wall.

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

- Sponsored an Easter Egg hunt for the children following 9:30 Easter Service.

**Beaver Valley Women:** Council Assignment, Ann Beesley-

- Will re-organize following the Leadership retreat on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Faith Community Nursing Program:** Sue Johannsen-

- June will schedule a blood pressure clinic.
- September will offer a balance class.

**Pastor's Report:**

- **Mid-Sommer will be Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> with games, meal, music by Dakota Roads followed by a chapel service.**
- **Senior High Servant Team- 4 youth adults with their parents serve as leaders.**
- **Discuss lessons learned setting up the stage in the Fellowship Hall.**
- **Discuss Pastor Erica Lehman as leading Wednesday chapel services.**
- **2024 Re-Birth Timeline-**
  - **Pastor Greg has announced that his last service at BVLC will be May 29<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **The Executive committee will meet with the Synod on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to begin the transition process.**
  - **Encourage all members to participate in the Leadership Retreat on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:00. This includes the Church Council, all committees, and subcommittees. This retreat will service as a springboard to moving our parish forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as we search for our new Pastor. Your participation is vital.**

**MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Schmidt and seconded by Ann Beesley. Motion carried.**

**Devotions for May 9th Council meeting will be Shelly Berg.**



MAY 2024				
	MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26
<b>Upper Greeters:</b>	Mike & Cheryl Hluchy	Dave & Anita Schnabel	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	Mike & Heidi Schacht
<b>Lower Greeters:</b>	Greg & Cheri Godfrey	Jason & Lynn Haak	Kathy Reisenweber, Sally Rosin	Jeannelle Yitagesu, Harley Drew
<b>Lectors:</b>	Nancy Johnson	David Vanden Hull	Susan Kruse	Laura Carbonneau
<b>Children's Sermon:</b>	Pastor Greg Johnson	Beth Flier	Mary Lee	Brittany Gerovac
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lanny & Sylvia Benson	Kelly & Will Kruse	Larry & Ardell Johnson	Cory Beck, Marvin Burkman
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Rick & Christy Johnson, Ron & Jeanne Nelsen	NONE	Troy & Kathy Dawley, Gingi Hanson, Nancy Johnson	NONE
<b>Communion Preparers:</b>	Alan & Ellen Schmidt <b>Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:</b> Joel & Beth Flier	NONE	Alan & Ellen Schmidt <b>Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:</b> Lowell & Mary Johnson	NONE
<b>Communion Bread:</b>	Harley Drew	NONE	Harley Drew	NONE
<b>Nursery:</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>Media:</b>	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull
<b>Flags:</b>	Gary Parker	Joel Flier	Kevin Backer	Scott & Sarah Rust
<b>Church Bells</b>	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
<b>Offering Counting:</b>	Kevin Backer Dale Hanson	Dave Schnabel Dan Feeken	Kevin Backer Marvin Burkman	Kelly Wright Dale Hanson

**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](mailto: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!

Heidi Nelson	5/1	Tara Law	5/14
David Wiertzema	5/1	Mason Beck	5/15
Makenna Yitagesu	5/1	Abe Haak	5/15
Denis Andersen	5/2	Avery Berg	5/16
Matthew Cerwick	5/2	Cooper Wiertzema	5/16
Patty Parker	5/2	Wesley Wiertzema	5/16
Jessica Gross	5/4	Allison Halvorson	5/17
Lance Halvorson	5/5	Wayne Myers	5/17
Trevor Swenson	5/5	April Prohl	5/17
Richard Woelber	5/5	Emburly Borth	5/19
Annaliese Braucht	5/6	Seth Weber	5/19
Titan Gross	5/6	Adam Bobzien	5/20
Thomas Wingate	5/6	Kjerstin Lere	5/21
Alan Schmidt	5/7	Austin Letcher	5/21
Dennis Schuette	5/8	Maria Engels	5/22
Betsy Waldner	5/8	Adalyn Loman	5/22
Trinity Law	5/10	Jill Erlandson	5/27
Brenda Winter	5/10	Lillyanna Eagle	5/29
Andre Carbonneau	5/12	(Tieszen)	
Jesse Elofson	5/12	Donald Seiler	5/31
Sherry Scholten	5/12		



We are looking for janitorial help at the church. If you can volunteer time each week to do general cleaning around the church, please let us know! Please email [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org) if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

# MAY 2024

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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 6:15p Wednesday Worship w/ Holy Communion in BVLC sanctuary 7:00p Adult Choir	2	3	4
5 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a Mother's Day Celebration – kids will be decorating aprons for mom's 1:00p Brandon's Loyalty Day Parade – BVLC having a float in parade (meet at 11am to be in float)	6	7	8 6:15p Wednesday Worship in BVLC sanctuary 7:00p Adult Choir	9 7:00p Church Council Meeting	10	11 5:00-8:00p Trevor Swenson Open House at The Swenson's (48452 265 <sup>th</sup> St., Valley Springs) Everyone is invited!  5:00-7:00p Rhett Kloth Open House at Kloth's Garage (1805 N Walnut St, Brandon, SD) Everyone is invited!
12 9:30a Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran – Happy Mother's Day! 10:30a Coffee Fellowship 10:35a No Sunday School / God Squad  	13	14	15 5:00p Music & Worship Committee Meeting 6:15p Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in BVLC sanctuary 6:30p Choir party at Sue Johannsen's house 8:00p Sr. High Servant Team Meeting in youth room	16 7:00a Men's Breakfast at Kingbird Coffee	17	18 Everyone is invited! 4:00-7:00p Nathan Johnson Graduation Party at The Johnson's House, 601 Southside, Valley Springs  5:00-10:00p Nolan Schmidt's Graduation Party 26520 482 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Brandon, SD Everyone is invited!
19 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran – Senior Recognition 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	20	21 7:30a Curt Alberty Memorial Golf Tournament – Bethany benefit	22 6:15p Wednesday Worship in BVLC sanctuary	23	24	25
26 9:30a Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran 10:30a Coffee Fellowship	27 Church office closed 	28	29 Celebration of Friendship & Farewell for Pastor Greg & Nancy 7:00p Outdoor Worship Begins!	30	31	

