



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 June 2025



JUNE - NEWS

Worship - Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour – Sundays, 10:35 a.m.

Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion – Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Brunch for Pastor Josh Schunk – Sunday, June 1st, 10:35 a.m.

Installation of Pastor Josh Schunk – Sunday, June 8th, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 5th - 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, June 7th – 7:00 a.m.

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, June 12th - 7:00 p.m.

WELCA General Meeting – Sunday, June 15th - 10:45 a.m.

Music & Worship Committee Meeting – Wednesday, June 18th - 5:00 p.m.

Midsommar – Saturday, June 21st



June Highlights



June 1st, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran with Holy Communion

June 1st, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. - Welcome Brunch for Pastor Josh

June 4th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion in the Pavilion – Weather Permitting





June 5th, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting

June 7th, Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast at BVLC

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Hour – Join everyone in the Fellowship Hall after the service for conversations and connections



June 8th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship at BVLC – Installation of Pastor Josh Schunk

June 11th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion – Weather Permitting

June 12th, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting



June 15th, Sunday, ALL DAY - Happy Father's Day

June 15th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran



June 15th, Sunday, 10:45 a.m. – WELCA Women's Meeting – in the Meeting Room



June 18th, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - Music & Worship Committee Meeting

June 18^{th} , Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion in the Pavilion – Weather Permitting



June 21st, Saturday, TBA - Midsommar

June 22nd, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship at BVLC

June 25th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Outdoor Worship in the Pavilion - Weather

Permitting

June 29th, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday Worship at BVLC



Friends in Christ,

Greetings to each and every one of you from God our loving Heavenly Father and our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that this newsletter finds all of you well now that we are looking forward to formally beginning our relationship as pastor and parish!

Are you as excited as I am about what God is about to do for us? God is about to bring us into a relationship that will be centered on Word and sacrament ministry. I am about to learn more about what God is doing in South Dakota, and you are going to get the opportunity to see what it means to have an over-the-top energy-filled pastor. We are going to do some great work together, and I cannot wait to see and to experience all that God has in store for us in our new life together.

As we begin this relationship, I think it is only fair that you know a few things about me. First of all, I will be honest that I love Diet Coke! If you come to my office or look in my car, you will see that I am usually drinking one of these delightful bottles of goodness. Some people enjoy their morning coffee. I look forward to opening my first bottle of Diet Coke and getting ready to start my day.

Second, I am not a morning person. I, often, say that one of the ways that God has shared his sense of humor is by calling me to be a pastor. I tend to my best work at 11:00 at night. I will be in the office in the morning and will be in worship every Sunday morning, but if I need to send an email or write an article, there is a good chance that those types of things will happen after dark just because I tend to think clearer when the sun goes down.

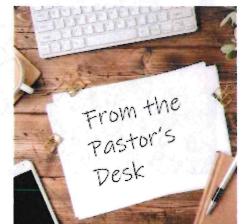
Third, I am a huge college sports fan. One of my favorite things to do in the fall is to attend college football games or to watch them on television. A few years ago, Kelli, the kids, and I were blessed to be able to attend the Final Four and experience the college basketball championship in person. It was a wonderful experience, and we made many wonderful family memories! As I write this, I will also let you know that I am an Iowa Hawkeyes fanatic, and I am extremely excited that Ella attends college there (you can probably guess who has my season tickets now).

Finally, and most importantly, I have a deep love for the Lord and am passionate about sharing what God has given to me with other people. I believe we are living at a time when people need to experience the life-changing power of the Gospel more than ever before. I love telling people about Jesus. I love discussing the power of Jesus. I love writing about Jesus. I am looking forward to finding ways for us to do this together!

As I share a little bit about myself, I am getting excited about learning more about you! When I arrive, please stop in the office or let me know how we can spend some time together. One of the greatest joys of being a pastor is living life with the people I serve, and I cannot wait to begin to live life with all of you!

See you soon!

Pastor Josh



Meet Our New Pastor

In June, we will welcome BVLC's new pastor, Josh Schunk. Pastor Josh began his life in a small town in Northwest Iowa. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Christian Doctrine/History from Concordia College in St. Paul, Minnesota, a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary, also in St. Paul, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota.

He has served congregations in Greenwood, Indiana; Scobey, Montana; Gwinner, North Dakota; Fargo, North Dakota; and Oelwein, Iowa.

Pastor Josh and his wife, Kelli, have been married since 2001. Kelli is a medical transcriptionist for Sanford Health. They are blessed with a daughter, Ella, and a son, Caleb. Ella is completing her junior year at the University of Iowa, studying sports psychology, while Caleb will be attending Iowa State University to study engineering. Their third child is a Labradoodle named Blitz.







THANK YOU!!

The Mom's of BVLC would like to thank the youth for assembling and handing out this thoughtful gift on Mother's Day. Much appreciated.



Welcome our Newest Members

Please welcome John and Teresa Speiser. They joined the Beaver Valley Family on May 25th, 2025.





A Word of Thanks from Pastor John

I would like to thank all the members of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church for being such a welcoming and gracious congregation. It has been a real delight to walk with you and to share in ministry with you during the interim between called pastors. These past eight months have gone by quickly and I will remember you in my prayers in the coming months.

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church is a very special congregation of God's beloved people. There is a good spirit here and so many gifted people here. You have treated me with grace and kindness, and I trust you will do the same for your new pastor.

So again, thank you! And God's blessings to you all.

Pastor John Dalen

Don't miss out on the Early Bird rates!

The 38th Synodical Convention is a coming fast!! -- June 18-20 in Yankton!

Come for the fellowship, and along the way you'll hear from our Sister Synod in Nicaragua, learn how to avoid the newest scam techniques, and marvel at Diane Gubbel's Quilts with Stories of Inspiration.

Thursday meals are included in the registration fee of just \$50, but hurry! After June 1 the Early Bird rate expires, and you'll pay the full \$65 registration fee.

Register at <u>Tithe.ly Event Registration</u> or On-site registration starts at 3 pm Wednesday, June 18th

Direct any questions to Darla Toben 605-880-3506 <u>dgtoben@itctel.com</u> Mail-in registration to Darla Toben 47906 171st St, Clear Lake SD 57226

See you in Yankton!



PRAYER GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

A <u>HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!!</u> We want to **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY** because, as a congregation, we were able to

establish and move forward with this tremendous project. The planting materials are now arriving at Earthscapes, and the planting of the prayer garden has begun. The locations of each plant will be marked before planting to ensure proper placement. Our plantings also come with a one-year guarantee. We encourage you to keep an eye on our church backyard as we watch the plantings progress over the next few weeks!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the renewal of our outdoor worship space! Don't hesitate to reach out to any task force member with questions.

Again, THANK YOU - The Outdoor Committee

WELCA NEWS

The Brandon Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Small boxes of fruit snacks
- Pizza sauce and pizza crusts
- · Cereal
- Small cans of beef stew
- Small bottles (32 oz) laundry detergent
- · Boxes of hot chocolate
- Instant potatoes



Dates to Remember:

June 1st – Welcome Brunch for Pastor Josh

June 8th – Pastor Josh's Installation

June 15th – Father's Day

June 21st – Midsommar





MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast at BVLC

Saturday, June 7th at 7:00 am. Come for breakfast, devotions, and Fellowship. The Men will be meeting at the church.

2025 VBS at BVLC





Join us this summer for VBS! July 22nd-24th from 5:30-7:30. We will begin each day with a light supper. Sign up on our website by June 10th to get a camp t-shirt. VBS is for grades 3 years-4th grade. 5th grade - high school are encouraged to volunteer.

We're going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you're invited! We'll encounter amazing animals, lush

landscapes, stunning sea life,

and wondrous wilderness. And most importantly, we'll be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" in our theme verse, John 14:6.

BVLC Vacation Bible School 2025

Child's Information:

Child's	's First Name:		
Child's	's Last Name:		
Gender	ler:		
Date of	of Birth (mn/dd/yy):		
School	ol Grade entering in the fall of 2025 (ages 3yrs old - 4th grade):		
Alergies	ries:		
Child's	's Shirt Size (to guarantee a T-shirt, please register by June 10th)		
0			
	Child Small (6-8)		
0	Child Medium (10-12)		
0	Child Large (14-16)		
0			
0			
0	Adult Large		
Medical Concerns:			
Additional parental Comments:			



BVLC Vacation Bible School 2025

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Information

Parent First Name:
Parent Last Name:
Cell Phone:
Email Address:
Mailing Address:
Emergency Contact Name:
Emergency Contact Phone:
Relationship:
Alternate Pick-Up Person:
Alternated Pck-Up Cell Phone:
How did you hear about VBS?





CHURCH COUNCIL May 15, 2025

Attendees: Dan Feeken (2nd Term - 2027) Brittany Gerovac (3rd Term-2027)

Jason Haak (2nd Term - 2027) David Vanden Hull (3rd Term – 2027)

Ann Beesley (2nd Term - 2026) Alan Schmidt (2nd Term - 2026) Scott Hansel (2nd Term - 2026) Kelly Wright (2nd Term - 2026)

Krista Hanson (1st Term-2028) Josh Dede (1st Term-2028) Dennis Moritz (1st Term-2028) Amy Johnson (1st Term-2028)

Darcie Johnson (Treasurer) Kasey Johnson (Youth Rep)

Call to Order: David Vanden Hull

Devotions and Treats: David Vanden Hull

Absent: Jason Haak, Scott Hansel, Brittany Gerovac, Kelly Wright

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve April Minutes was made by Krista Hanson and seconded by Amy Johnson.

Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to approve the March & April Treasurer reports made by Krista Hanson and seconded by Amy Johnson. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.

Business:

- New Horizon's Band Fee for June 21 \$125 fee to be covered by the church.
- Clarify Evangelism Role for community events/parades (Excerpt from committee roles in bylaws: 5. Responsible for public awareness of our congregational life and ministry, including but not limited to, newsletters, posters, signage, social media, web page, and newspapers.) – Discussed and voted that Evangelism is a parade responsibility.
- Flags along the road replacement options Discussion of this was tabled for future talks.
- Brunch Assistance needed for June 1st very few have signed up to help WELCA needs help on where to go from here Many people stepped up and should go well.
- Sunshine Foods If items from Sunshine are being purchased for church use and charged to the house account, please make sure you sign the receipt legibly, and get a receipt to be dropped off in the office.
- Sioux Valley Electric Budgeted amount went from \$660 a month to \$1,100. Property committee is going to visit with G&R to discuss way to conserve energy.
- Office windows leaking in both the pastor's and office manager's offices Property committee will look at and address.
- Investment Certificates Darcie recommended we pay down \$5,000 of the investment fund. Motion to do this was made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by Krista Hanson.

Pastor's Report:

- Bethany Meadows Gold Tournament will be August 5th. \$800 per team to participate.
- May 25th there will be a baptism and receiving new members. John and Theresa Spicer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee -

Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- Both Krista and Kelly received complaints about critters in the cemetery. Cemetery will look into this and discuss solutions.
- Flowers from gravesites have been reported missing. Discussion was held, and determined it was probably the wind.

Church in Society -

Council Assignment, Dennis Moritz

• The committee is made up of Larry & Ardell Johnson, Amy Johnson, and Dennis Moritz. The committee recognized the seven high school graduates from BVLC congregation. Ardell & Bonnie Nelson decorated graduation card bags for each student. Ardell and Amy decorated the serving table and provided punch and sheet cakes during fellowship. My wife, Deb, and I provided nuts to go along with the cake. Larry and I served coffee. Everyone stayed afterward and cleaned up in the kitchen.

Education and Youth Ministry -

Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

Nothing to report currently

Evangelism and Outreach -

Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Gingi Hanson

• The Beeselys will be pulling the float for the Valley Springs Booster Days in July. Alan Schmidt has purchased candy to be handed out at the parade. Any people wishing to participate in this should contact Ann Beesely.

Media -

Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Corey Maunu

- Waiting until after graduation to start working on some of the open projects we currently have -
 - Meeting room conference camera and microphone setup
 - Janitorial Closet network cleanup
 - TV announcement boards downstairs and upstairs
 - Media cleanup in the balcony

Personnel -

Council Assignment, Krista Hanson, Dan Feeken & David Vanden Hull

• The Personnel Committee met on April 30th, 2025, to discuss staffing and budgets as we look forward to Pastor Josh's arrival. We will also be scheduling staff reviews in the coming month, so if there are any needs that need to be addressed, we can do so while gathering input from Josh in his first few months at Beaver Valley.

Property -

Council Assignment, Scott Hansel, Alan Schmidt, & Josh Dede

• David Vanden Hull and Scott Hansel met with Todd (Gil Haugan) Dave and Jeff (Flooring American) to review issues, gaps in flooring. Dave and Jeff took pictures and notes. They will be speaking with the factory representative and installers to ensure flooring was installed properly. And to see if our flooring issues can be covered under warranty. At the current moment there is no local factory representative for the flooring factory, so this will be a slow process.

We received the letter from the state electrical inspector on Tuesday with the list of code violations. We will be contacting Electric Construction Company (which did the Electric work for the rebuild) have them review the list and give us a price to fix. I (Scott) will submit pricing to church board for approval. We have until June 30th to address the violation.

- Bats and Mice seem to have taken up residence in our church. Property will look into eviction possibilities.
- Commercial and Cordless vacuums are being looked at for purchase. A motion to purchase was made by Krista Hanson and seconded by Dennis Moritz.

Stewardship -

Council Assignment, Jason Haak

Nothing to report currently

Worship & Music -

Council Assignment, Sylvia Benson & Krista Hanson

• The Worship and Music Committee along with Pastor John and council representative Krista Hanson met on Wednesday, April 16 to plan the hymns/songs for May.

Legacy Committee -

Council Assignment, Tammy Ford

• Nothing to report currently. We will be meeting on May 22nd at 6pm in the church.

Beaver Valley Churchmen -

Council Assignment, Alan Schmidt & Larry Johnson

- Nothing to report currently. Our next meeting will be on June 7th, 2025 at 7:00 am. Location to be determined.
- Will be grilling hot dogs on May 28th at 6:00 pm before services.

Beaver Valley Women -

Council Assignment, Ann Beesley

- Committees are being made for the Welcome Brunch for Pastor Josh, that will take place June 1st after church.
- Will be serving at the Myers/Dawley on June 7th.
- Purchased 45 white Correl dishes
- Purchased table cloths
- Will be serving VBS meals

Faith Community Nursing Program -

Led by Sue Johannsen

• No changes to report Speaker confirmed for Sunday May 18 at 11 am from Mary Oyos about Diabetes.

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Feeken and seconded by Krista Hanson. Motion carried.

2025



	JUNE 1	JUNE 8	JUNE 15	JUNE 22	JUNE 29
Upper Greeters:	Bruce & Lynne Bonander	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	Randy & Bonnie Nelson	Dale & Krista Hanson	Judy Richards & Sue Johannsen
Lower Greeters:	Larry & Ardell Johnson	Dan & Tricia Steen	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Scott & Sarah Rust	Dan & Gingi Hanson
Acolyte:	Grace Prohl Bailey Gonzales Corbin Hansel				
Lectors:	Will Kruse	Jennie Dede	Peggy Weber	Dennis Moritz	Sue Johannsen
Children's Sermon:	,		Bruce Bonander Mary Lee		Pastor Josh Schunk
Ushers:	rs: Alan & Ellen Mike & Anita Harley Drew & Michael & Titar Schmidt Schacht Mabel Wilcox Gross		Michael & Titan Gross	Gary Parker & Kenny Muller	
Communion Servers:	Tions of the same		NONE	NONE	
Communion Preparers:	JoAnn Keyser Wednesday, June 4th: Kate Parkinson & Terry Brick	NONE	JoAnn Keyser Wednesday, June 18 th : Kate Parkinson & Terry Brick	NONE	NONE
Communion Bread:	Denis Andersen	NONE	Denis Andersen	NONE	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull
Flags:	PJ & Scott Hansel Family	Gary Parker	Joel Flier	PJ & Scott Hansel Family	Gary Parker
Church Bells	Ayden Eagle & Marvin Burkman	Acadian Gross & Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Dale Hanson Marvin Burkman	Dave Schnabel Dan Feeken	Kevin Backer Kelly Wright	Dan Feeken Marvin Burkman	Dale Hanson Dan Feeken

Note: If you are unable to serve on the date assigned or need to make changes to the schedule, swap dates with someone assigned to the same category and let Jacqui know at the church office email at office@beavervalleylutheran.org or call (605) 582-3504. Thank you.



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

Martha McDonald	6/1	Derek Olson	6/15
Sadie Kessler	6/2	Deborah Letcher	6/16
Alexandra Elofson	6/3	Philip Tooley	6/16
Christopher	6/4	Harlan Gjoraas	6/17
Andersen		Kayci Halbersma	6/19
Alexis Wegner	6/4	Pam Hedman	6/19
Charli Wegner	6/4	Eric Olesen	6/19
Scott Wiertzema	6/4	Becky Nolte	6/20
Drake Swenson	6/5	Terry Schneider	6/20
Brent Granberg	6/6	Mike Scholten	6/20
Brooklyn Jacobson	6/6	Jerry Godrey	6/20
Leah Rollag	6/6	Garland Olesen	6/21
Laura Hofstee	6/7	Michael Schacht	6/21
Matt Halbersma	6/9	David Kiefer	6/22
Robert Kiefer	6/9	Carisa Olesen	6/22
Jena Preszler	6/9	Kevin Petterson	6/22
Trudy Roberts	6/9	Caitlyn Guischer	6/24
Janene Gorsett	6/10	Sarah Rust	6/24
Sophia Swenson	6/11	Danielle Granberg	6/25
Darlene Kuhnert	6/12	Sally Monroe	6/25
Michael Liedholt	6/12	Elissa Kotten	6/26
Erik Nelson	6/12	Jeff Christensen	6/27
Shannon Weber	6/12	Kim Dawley	6/28
Shannon DeVaney	6/13	Crystal Steuerwald	6/28
Jeremy Haug	6/13	Sabrina Albertson	6/29
Jeremy Olesen	6/13	(Dietz)	
Rosemary Cyr	6/14	Kellen Berg	6/29
Gregory Beesley	6/15	Atalee Granberg	6/29
Randy Nelson	6/15	John Lee	6/29
Tayber Olesen	6/15	Gregg Letcher	6/30



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