



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 - October 2025



OCTOBER - NEWS

Worship - Sundays, 9:30 am

Coffee Hour - Sundays, 10:35 am

BVLC KIDS - Sundays, 10:35 am

Wednesday Worship in the Fellowship Hall - Wednesdays, 6:15 pm

Bible Study on Romans - Mon, 6:30 p.m., Wed, 5:15 p.m., Thurs, 12:00 pm

A Matter of Balance Class - Mondays, 3:00 pm

BVLC KIDS & God Squad - Wednesdays, 6:45 pm

Confirmation & Sr High Youth - Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Adult Choir - Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Christian Education Committee Meeting - Thursday, October 2nd, 6:00 pm

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 4th - 7:00 am BVLC Fellowship Hall

Grief Class Begins - Tuesday, October 7th, 6:30 pm

Church Council Meeting - Thursday, October 9th - 6:30 pm

Music & Worship Committee Meeting - Wednesday, October 15th - 5:00 pm

Lefse Prep Day - Friday, October 17th - 9:00 am

Lefse Making Day - Saturday, October 18th - 9:00 am

WELCA General Meeting - Sunday, October 19th - 10:45 am - Choir Room

Confirmation Sunday - Sunday, October 26th - 9:30 am

Women's Shelter Tour - Tuesday, October 28th - 6:00 pm

October Highlights



October 1st, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 1st, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

October 1st, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad

October 1st, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

October 1st, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

October 1st, Wednesday – LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE WELCA FALL CONFERENCE

October 2nd, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Bible Study on Romans

October 2nd, Thursday, 6:00 pm – Christian Education Meeting



October 4th, Saturday, 7:00 am – Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall

October 5th, Sunday, 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion. Our children will be singing in the service.

October 5th, Sunday, 10:35 am – NO BVLC Kids

Sundays, 10:35 am – Coffee Hour – *Join everyone in the Fellowship Hall after the service for conversations and connections*



October 6th, Monday, 3:00 pm – Matter of Balance Class

October 6th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Romans

October 7th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Grief Class Begins

October 8th, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 8th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship

October 8th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – NO BVLC Kids & God Squad

October 8th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

October 8th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

October 9th, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Bible Study on Romans



October 9th, Thursday, 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting



October Highlights

October 11th, Saturday – WELCA Fall Conference

October 12th, Sunday, 9:30 am - Worship

October 12th, Sunday, 10:35 am – NO BVLC Kids

October 13th, Monday, 3:00 pm – Matter of Balance Class



October 14th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Grief Class



October 15th, Wednesday, 5:00 pm – Music & Worship Committee Meeting

October 15th, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 15th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

October 15th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad

October 15th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

October 15th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

October 16th, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 17th, Friday, 9:00 am – WELCA will be prepping for Lefse (Men are encouraged to come with)

October 18th, Saturday, 9:00 am – WELCA will be making Lefse

October 19th, Sunday, 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion

October 19th, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

October 19th, Sunday, 10:35 am – WELCA Meeting

October 20th, Monday, 3:00 pm – Matter of Balance Class

October 20th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 21st, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – Grief Class

October 22nd, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 22nd, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship

October 22nd, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad (First Communion Family Event)

October Highlights



October 22nd, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

October 22nd, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

October 23rd, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 26th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Confirmation Sunday Worship

October 26th, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

October 27th, Monday, 3:00 pm – Balance Class

October 27th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 28th, Tuesday, 6:00 pm – WELCA will be touring the Women's Shelter

October 28th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – Grief Class

October 29th, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 29th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship

October 29th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad (First Communion Family Event)

October 29th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

October 29th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

October 30th, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Romans Bible Study

October 31st, Friday – HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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 article finds all of you well now that we are heading into October which is a very special month indeed!

One of the reasons that October is special is because we get the opportunity to celebrate our history as Lutherans! It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That piece of paper started the Reformation in the Church, and it changed the world!

Luther never meant for the impact to be as drastic as it was. When Luther nailed his document to the door, he was looking for a conversation. He wanted to talk with the leaders of the Church about ways he thought Scripture was being misinterpreted, and people were being abused through these interpretations. Luther wanted this particular document (the 95 Theses) to serve as a starting point. In Luther's opinion, this type of conversation could lead to changes within the Church.

As we know, many of the Church leaders were not open to having this type of conversation. They were content with what the Church was doing, and they were okay with many of the practices Luther saw as abuses. Since these leaders were not open to having this dialogue, Luther's movement became more than just changing the Church Luther knew. Luther's movement created an entire set of denominations within what we have come to know as Protestantism.

As Luther continued to do his work, he came into contact with many other leaders who were interpreting Scripture in the ways they thought were best. They were given the freedom to be able to look at what God's Word says and to find ways to apply that Word to daily life. As these leaders did their work with the Bible, they began to grow into several different denominations. Like Lutherans, many of these denominations still exist today. We know some of them such as: Presbyterians, Reformed Churches, Baptists, and many others.

The effects of the Reformation did not remain within the Church. The secular world was also affected by this changing landscape. Until the Reformation, there was no such thing as separation of Church and state. Many people believed the Church and state served the same roles. Luther changed this by being clear about the fact that the Church and state are related but each serve distinct roles. The Church's main role is to proclaim the Gospel, and the state's role is to promote good and punish evil.

Luther did not want to be remembered for what he did. Luther wanted people to be pointed toward Jesus Christ crucified. He wanted them to know that all their sins had been forgiven, and they were given new lives through Jesus' resurrection. This all happened as a free gift from God.

This month, we are invited to remember the Reformation and to give thanks to God for Luther and his work. As we do so, we are also pointed to the cross. We are reminded that we are forgiven and born anew each and every day!

Just a thought...

Pastor Josh



CHURCH COUNCIL

August 14, 2025

Attendees: Dan Feeken (3 rd Term - 2027)	Brittany Gerovac (3 rd Term-2027)
Jason Haak (3 rd Term - 2027)	David Vanden Hull (3 rd Term – 2027)
Ann Beesley (2 nd Term - 2026)	Alan Schmidt (2 nd Term – 2026)
Scott Hansel (2 nd Term - 2026)	Kelly Wright (2 nd Term – 2026)
Krista Hanson (1 st Term-2028)	Josh Dede (1 st Term-2028)
Dennis Moritz (1 st Term-2028)	Amy Johnson (1 st Term–2028)
Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)	Kasey Johnson (Youth Representative)

Call to Order:

Devotions and Treats: Ann Beesley

Absent: David Vanden Hull

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve July Minutes was made by Amy Johnson and seconded by Scott Hansel.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: Motion to approve the June & July Treasurer report made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by Krista Hanson. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.

Business:

- **AA Meeting** – Ardell Johnson saw the following post on the Brandon Ask & Tell page of Facebook and forwarded it to the office - I'm looking to rent a space for a 12-step meeting, addiction-related, to meet 1 or 2 times a week. I have a great recovery and am looking to help others in the Brandon area and surrounding areas! Churches?, rental spots?, putting it out there to see what's available, if any. Thank you. Before the Tornado, AA or Alanon met here at the church. Ardell is wondering if we could welcome them back now? – We have responded to the request made by AA, and we have not received a call back from them.
- **Outside Flags** – Still Under discussion.
- **Faith Community Nurse** – Sue Johannsen – Jennie Dede will be helping with the Blood Pressure and Cholesterol clinic on the 28th of September. We also approved the purchase of a anti choking device.
- **Gaga Ball Pit – Approval** – Approved for installation. Motion created by Ann Beasley and Seconded by Scott Hansel. Monies for this were donated by members separate from the Prayer Garden Funds.
- **Set date for the semi-annual meeting** – October 19th @ 10:45 am.
- **Nominating committee- any suggestions for them** – Scott Hansel, Alan Schmidt, Kelly Wright, have all agreed to be on the ballot. We are looking for one more candidate.
- **New directory pictures** – Brittany will be speaking with Tammy Carda on this.
- **Rally Weekend** – Plans are underway. We have secured the Hegg Brothers and the Halleluia Hooligans for performances. Games will be arranged by Michael Gross. There will be a pork loin feed on Saturday, Craft Fair, and Bake Sale, with a pot luck on Sunday.
- **Need approval to purchase a water softener for the church. Unit is \$763.52 from supplier. This purchase will prolong the life of all of our fixtures that use hot water.** – Motion by Ann Beesley, and Seconded by Jason Haak to use funds from the Property Budget to cover this expense.
- **Bethany 75th Anniversary, September 7th, 2025** –
- **Recycling** – Our container has become a community recycle bin, so we are now looking into a larger bin container.

Pastor's Report:

- Bible School in July was a fun and festive time.
- I participated in the Bethany Gold Tournament
- I have met with the Worship Committee
- I brought up having outdoor worship on September 7th as part of our Rally Celebration
- I am excited to get to know more of our youth and to get Confirmation under way.
- I am working on putting together a Fall Bible Study. I am open to suggestions for ideas, times, and topics.
- I will be conducting a Grief Class this Fall.
- I have been meeting with area pastors to get to know them.
- I will be attending the Prayer Breakfast at the Brandon Valley High School.
- Working on activities for Rally Weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Cemetery Committee - Council Assignment, Kelly Wright**

- Nothing new to report

Church in Society – Council Assignment, Dennis Moritz

- Our church had entered a float for both Brandon and Valley Springs parades. Members of our congregation are also delivering meals on wheels for the month of August.

Education and Youth Ministry – Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- VBS was a big success! We had the most positive feedback from kids' families! Thank you to all of the many volunteers, especially WELCA, for handling the meals and snacks for VBS! We also raised enough money to purchase 12 goats for families through ELCA Good Gifts!

Evangelism and Outreach – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Gingi Hanson

- Had a successful Valley Springs parade after some volunteers stepped up to pull the float and ride in the parade. Several website updates were completed to the home page, staff, and education portions of the BVLC website. The committee is meeting on August 24th after church service.

Media – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Corey Maunu

- Nothing new to report

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

- Council voted to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation of Robyn VanMeter as new treasurer. She has started to work with Darcie on training for her role.

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

- We will be meeting this Saturday to review and discuss Flooring America's proposal to address the gaps in the vinyl flooring. We will also be setting a date to replace shingles and some siding on the mower shed. Air filters for the 3 outside air handler units were replaced and supplied by the Scott Hansel family. The coils on each unit were also cleaned. This was done in the middle of July. This service should be done in the spring after crops are in and in the fall after crops are out. Scott Hansel will be supplying the needed parts and labor to install a new water softener. On August 13th, the freezer door for the freezer in the pantry was replaced. The door does seem to open a lot easier now.

Stewardship – Council Assignment, Jason Haak

- Nothing new to report

Worship & Music – Council Assignment, Sylvia Benson & Krista Hanson

- The Worship and Music Committee met on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, to plan the hymns/songs for worship in August. We were joined by Pastor Josh.

Legacy Committee – Council Assignment, Tammy Ford

- Nothing new to report

Beaver Valley Churchmen – Council Assignment, Alan Schmidt & Larry Johnson

- We had 14 men attend the Men's Breakfast on August 2nd, 2025.

Beaver Valley Women –Council Assignment, Ann Beesley

- WELCA was pleased to help with VBS. We did 3 family suppers before the start of the lessons, and included snacks at the end of their time. We will participate in the Cover Yourself campaign.

Faith Community Nursing Program –Led by Sue Johannsen

- Class review for babysitting and canning. Review of future classes: Balance, Parenting, Jennie will be doing b/p and cholesterol, etc.
- Find another nurse to train
- Grief classes in October
- Consider choking tool purchase
- CPR class
- AED use

Youth Delegate – Kasey Johnson

- Highlights from the trip were rafting and hiking. It was a great community to be with, and we all became family by the end of the trip.
- Sky Ranch had kids from all over the United States, with a total of 350 attending our session.

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by Kelly Wright. The council will meet next on September 11th at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL

September 11, 2025

Attendees: Dan Feeken (3rd Term - 2027) Brittany Gerovac (3rd Term-2027)
Jason Haak (3rd 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)

Robyn VanMeter (Treasurer) Kasey Johnson (Youth Representative)

Call to Order:

Devotions and Treats: Pastor Josh Schunk

Absent: Scott Hansel and Dennis Moritz

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: August Minutes were not available, so they will be approved in October, along with the September minutes.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

MMSC: August Treasurers report was not available, so it will be approved in October, along with the September report.

Business:

- **Heather Swenson has inquired about starting an after-school care program at the church. She has been toying around with the idea of becoming registered, and she has a couple of options of places in Brandon that she has in mind, but she would rather start with Beaver Valley Lutheran Church. Especially with the new school being built by Bethany Meadows next year. If this is something the church would entertain. She is thinking it would start small, with just 1 staff person, and she can have up to 12 children.** – Discussion was had concerning safety, age of students, where would this be located, licensing issues, insurance. If a business plan was put together we would revisit the idea.
- **Rally Weekend Update – Both the Hegg Brothers and the Halleluia Hooligans were received with a positive response. They would like to come back out and perform for us again. The food was great and plentiful. The games were enjoyed by all.**
- **Christmas Tour insurance** – It was decided that each homeowner would be responsible for providing their own insurance.
- **Register cover for the basement** – The Property Committee is aware and will be addressing this issue.
- **QR Codes for giving** – David is looking into the possibility of this. Banco was discussed.
- **Saving/Preserving Cemetery Headstones** – Family plot locations were discussed.
- **Request was made for a \$5,000 endowment certificate to be issued.** – David Vanden Hull made the motion to approve and Krista Hanson seconded it.
- **Insurance renewal comes due December 1st.** It was decided to have Steve Tripp come and give us options to consider at the October meeting.

Pastor's Report:

- I have met more of the area pastors and reconnecting with a few that I have met along the way.
- There was a good turnout for Rally Weekend. Going forward we will continue to tweak things.
- In the process of looking at what's next for us.
- I have been meeting with the worship committee to discuss music choices.

- Our Wednesday evening services have moved in to the Fellowship Hall, although, for next year, I think we should consider keeping this service outside until the end of October.
- I am working on ways to redevelop our Youth program.
- I have started a weekly Bible study on Romans that will be offered on Mondays at 6:30 pm, Wednesdays at 5:15pm, and Thursdays at noon.
- We will be doing a Grief Class in October
- We will be hosting the Crossroads Conference pastors here on October 9th
- The men's group breakfasts have been well attended.
- I am working with the Women to find ways to get more involved.
- Working on ways to build momentum and to help more people in the area know about Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cemetery Committee - Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

- Having an issue with saving stones in the cemetery.

Church in Society – Council Assignment, Dennis Moritz

- Nothing new to report on.

Education and Youth Ministry – Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- Nothing new to report on.

Evangelism and Outreach – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Gingi Hanson

- The Committee met on the 24th of last month to discuss with Josh some different ways that we can be "visible" in the community. We are looking out for various community events to participate in and sponsor. We did place an ad in the Lynx to the Arts publication. This publication is handed out at every play, orchestra concert, and art event that the BV High School does throughout the school year. We also discussed chamber membership and potentially having some brochures or flyers that can be at the hotels and other public spaces in town when people come to visit or are moving in from out of the area.

Media – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Corey Maunu

- Nothing new to report on.

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

- Nothing new to report on.

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

- Working with Gil Haugan and the roofing contractor to address the roof leak. Also working with Gil Haugan and the floor contractor to address the flooring issue/concerns in the hallway by the offices. Sioux Valley Energy was out and inspected their meter box for water leaks. Sealed some holes, nothing major, they said. But to keep an eye out for leaks that may happen again. A water softener has been ordered. Scott Hansel will install it as soon as it gets in.

Stewardship – Council Assignment, Jason Haak

- Nothing new to report on.

Worship & Music – Council Assignment, Sylvia Benson & Krista Hanson

- The Worship and Music Committee met on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 to plan the hymns/songs for the September worship services. We decided to have an information table in the fellowship hall following the outdoor service on September 7th in case other members would be interested in joining with us to plan music for future services. We will begin meeting at 5:00 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of each month until the outdoor services begin in the spring.

Legacy Committee – Council Assignment, Tammy Ford

- Nothing new to report on.

Beaver Valley Churchmen – Council Assignment, Alan Schmidt & Larry Johnson

- We had a good turnout for Men's Breakfast, twenty-two guys. They all set up the tent, appreciate all their help when needed thanks. Alan

Beaver Valley Women – Council Assignment, Ann Beesley

- Looking into a new system for the large coffee pot. The bake and craft sale gained \$645. Thank you to everyone who brought goods. Good job, Robyn!

Faith Community Nursing Program – Led by Sue Johannsen

- Update for the past 1 month. A Matter of Balance class to begin on September 8th and run through October 27th. This will be weekly for 2 hours. 8 participants have registered. Plans for the coming month will include a presentation on high blood pressure and cholesterol, given by Jennie Dede. October event to include a grief class for 4 sessions. This will be led by Pastor Josh and Sue. Sign up in progress.

I am actively looking for someone to take the FCN course and to be included in the organizing and education planning. Consideration for post-hospital and home interventions will be considered in 2026. A tidings search will be done for that person in the next few months

Communion/altar plans will be setting up the new assignment list in October with Brenda Winter. Brenda will lead the 2026 year. Plans for the next month will include cleaning of the communion prep station in the basement. Altar ware has been cleaned by Beth Flier. Thanks to her should be expressed. Communion for Rally Sunday will be held in our Pavilion, and we will use the Lutheran communion bread. New members of the Altar and Communion prep team will be sought out.

MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Wright and seconded by Jason Haak. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 9th, at 7:00 pm.

Tidings Article Guidelines:

In an effort to get the Tidings, our monthly newsletter, out in a timely manner, we need all articles submitted to the office by the 20th of the month.

If you are in charge of an event, please take pictures and submit a write-up regarding how it went. Everyone likes to see how active we have been.

All articles received after this deadline will be published in the following month's newsletter.

All articles can be submitted to the office email:

office@beavervalleylutheran.org.

Thank you all for your help with this.





October Mowing Schedule

September 28th – October 4th

Mowers – Brenda Winter & Denis Andersen

Trimmers – Dale Hanson, Kevin Backer, Dave Schnabel

South Cemetery – Wright Family

October 5th – October 11th

Mowers – Nolan Schmidt, Jacob Fiscus, Blake Schmidt, Dan Feeken

Trimmers – Dale Hanson, Kevin Backer, Dave Schnabel

South Cemetery – Randy Nelson

October 12th – 18th

Mowers – Nathan Johnson, Trevor Swenson, Rhett Kloth, Jack Kloth, Lauryn Kloth

Trimmers – Dale Hanson, Kevin Backer, Dave Schnabel

South Cemetery – Wright Family

October 19th – 25th

Mowers – Wright Family

Trimmers – Dale Hanson, Kevin Backer, Dave Schnabel

South Cemetery – Randy Nelson

October 26th – 31st

Mowers – Bruce Bonander

Trimmers – Dale Hanson, Kevin Backer, Dave Schnabel

South Cemetery – Wright Family

October Watering Schedule

September 28th – October 4th

Mary Lee

October 5th – October 11th

Susan Kruse

October 12th – 18th

Alan Schmidt

October 19th – 25th

Don & Peggy Weber

October 26th – 31st

Beth Flier



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 4th at 7:00 am.

Come for breakfast, devotions, and Fellowship.

Firing On All Cylinders...

Last fall, then-Church Council President David VandenHull asked for volunteers to take a look at the current methods used to engage our congregation to serve. Are those methods effective? User-friendly? Motivational? Communicated well? Welcoming of giftedness across the church family?

Over many months, our task force has tried to gather information through conversations with church members and council members, and reviewed the time and talent sheets and parish life group activity. Long story short, we concluded that the parish life group model, though good in theory, has fallen short in engaging people. We also had a “fresh eyes” look at our time & talent sheet that has been used for a number of years. We spent most of our time revamping this form to be an effective means to educate, motivate, and communicate all the ways that our church family members can “plug in” and be involved in the ministries of BVLC.

Our work has been reviewed by both last year’s and this year’s church councils, by our interim pastor, John Dalen, and now by Pastor Josh. Tweaks have been made all along the way. We’ve also added a section to gather information needed from each person/family for our church directory.

Our church has been through a lot these past few years—a tornado, nomadic worship spaces, a rebuild, a retiring pastor, an interim pastor, and a new pastor. And praise God, we are seeing an influx of new families! Rather than wait until November when the time & talent sheets typically go out, we are suggesting a church-wide “reboot” for volunteer opportunities, and be intentional in filling and refilling ministry areas ASAP!

Can you imagine a church where every person is involved in some way? Can you even imagine it? Let’s do it...

UPDATE

Fifty three! That’s how many Time & Talent sheets have been turned in so far. Thanks so much to everyone who is part of that number. This is an incredible start!

We are hoping to receive a sheet, by the end of September, from EVERY PERSON who is part of this church family. (Collection boxes are in the narthex and in the entrance to the fellowship hall.) We will compile the “raised hands” information from all these sheets and provide to the person(s) who oversee their service area(s) of choice.

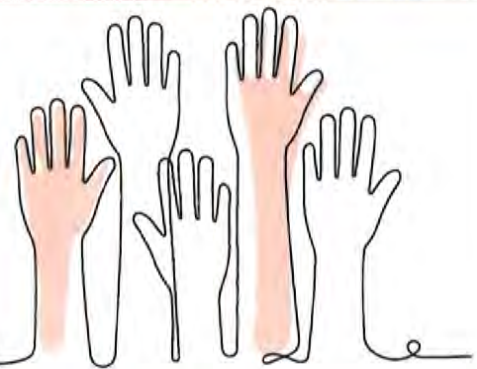
Together, let’s bring our interests, talents, and abilities, ask God to bless our desire to serve Him, and help make Beaver Valley Lutheran the best it can be!

Questions? Contact Deb at 605-254-5315.

Questions? Contact Tammy Ford, Bonnie Nelson, Trish Steen, or Deb Moritz.

I WANT TO BE A PART OF OUR CHURCH MINISTRY!

Stewardship of my TIME & TALENT



NAME _____

DATE _____

Check ALL that apply. Need more information? Call the church office at 605-582-3504. You will be directed to the person who can help!

WORSHIP SUPPORT

- ☐ Outdoor flags (*set up/take down*)
- ☐ Church bell ringer
- ☐ Candlelighter
- ☐ Assemble Busy Bags for children
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Lector
- ☐ Communion server
- ☐ Nursery attendant
- ☐ Count offering
- ☐ Wednesday Worship assistant:
 - ___ Music ___ Usher ___ Greeter
 - ___ Set-up/tear down

ALTAR GUILD

- ☐ Bake bread for communion
- ☐ Prepare communion elements
- ☐ Set up and take down seasonal sanctuary decorations
- ☐ Prepare altar linens and vestments
- ☐ Provide altar flowers/decor

MUSIC MINISTRY

- ☐ Sing in Church Choir
- ☐ Sing in Men's Choir
- ☐ Provide special music (*instrumental or vocal solos, trios or quartets, etc.*)
- ☐ Midweek service musician
- ☐ Can play the piano
- ☐ Can play the organ
- ☐ Can play an instrument(s) – list: _____

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

- ☐ Make coffee for fellowship time
- ☐ Bring treats & host fellowship time

MEDIA

- ☐ PowerPoint
- ☐ Sound System
- ☐ Video/Editing
- ☐ Photography: Shoot photos and/or videos for use on social media, our website, Member Directory, etc.)
- ☐ Have technology expertise

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Community – Connection – Care

- ☐ Welcome visitors
- ☐ Be a new member sponsor
- ☐ Help with new member orientation
- ☐ Visitation assistance: Hospitals, shut-ins, care centers, etc.
- ☐ God's Creators: Handmade greeting card ministry group
- ☐ Food Shepherds: Prepare and/or deliver meals, where needed
- ☐ Interview and write family profiles for church newsletter
- ☐ Prayer chain participant
- ☐ Parish Nurse program: Assist with data collection, surveys, screenings, teaching, etc.
- ☐ Men's fellowship (The Churchmen)
- ☐ Women's fellowship (WELCA)
- ☐ Plan social activities for ages 55+
- ☐ Plan social activities for young adults

CHURCH IN SOCIETY

- ☐ Pack care boxes
- ☐ Support for Bethany Home/residents
- ☐ Deliver Meals on Wheels
- ☐ Help with Backpack program
- ☐ St. Dysmas Prison ministry

ADMINISTRATION

- ☐ Office assistance (during office hours)

LEGACY

- ☐ Help preserve church history; research and collect historical info and artifacts
- ☐ Help plan landmark events
- ☐ Help develop history displays

KITCHEN & HOSPITALITY

Weddings, Funerals, Anniversaries, Showers, Graduations, etc.

- ☐ Kitchen help/servers
- ☐ Coordinate funeral meals, calling tree
- ☐ Would provide food
- ☐ Room set-up/clean-up
- ☐ Will help wherever needed

EDUCATION: Adult

- ☐ Would attend a Bible study
- ☐ Would host a Bible study
- ☐ Would lead a Bible study
- ☐ Provide child care during studies

EDUCATION: Youth

- ☐ Sunday School teacher
- ☐ Sunday School assistant
- ☐ Lead Children's Choir
- ☐ Help with music for kids' programs
- ☐ Help with kids' Christmas program
- ☐ Help with Vacation Bible school
- ☐ Children's library

YOUTH MINISTRY

- ☐ Driver for youth activities
- ☐ Help with high school youth
- ☐ Help with middle school youth
- ☐ Mentor a Confirmation student
- ☐ Church on the Street outreach team
- ☐ Grocery gift card sales (after church)

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Please place your completed form in the box at the entrance to the fellowship hall.

PROPERTY

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn care (seasonal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care for outdoor plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care for indoor plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care for the Prayer Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help on church clean-up day | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help on grounds clean-up day | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain playground equipment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow removal (<i>sidewalks and stairs</i>) | |

SPECIAL TALENTS OR SKILLS

- ☐ I have a talent/skill/expertise that I can share:
-

SPECIAL EVENTS

Check any you would be interested in helping to organize:

- ☐ Celebrate Love & Friendship (February)
☐ Grace our Tables (Spring)
☐ Community Parade Float (Spring/Summer)
☐ Midsommer (Summer)
☐ Sweet Corn Social (Summer)
☐ Fall Gathering/Homestead Brew (Fall)
☐ Soup & Sweets Supper (Fall)
☐ Christmas Tour of Homes (December)
☐ Christmas Caroling (December)
☐ I will help wherever needed for a Special Event

IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION!

We are updating our Online Member Directory. Fill out this section in its entirety to ensure all information is correct and current.

YOUR NAME:

First Name/Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Place of Employment _____

Birthday (Month/Day/Year) _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER (if applicable):

First Name/Last Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

Place of Employment _____

Birthday (Month/Day/Year) _____

CHILDREN (if applicable):

First Name	Last Name	Birthdate & Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

BEAVER VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Council members are elected to serve a 3-year term and attend monthly meetings to conduct official church business. They also serve on a congregational committee of their choosing.

- ☐ I currently serve on Church Council
☐ I would like to serve on Church Council

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEES

A brief overview of each committee's duties are listed below.

KEY: Use the key below to mark your response(s):

- ☐ I currently serve on this committee.
☐ I would like to serve on this committee.
 I would like more information.

CEMETERY BOARD

☐ ☐

Oversees the upkeep, care, and maintenance of the two church cemeteries.

CHURCH IN SOCIETY

☐ ☐

Promote awareness of world, Synod, and local mission concerns, and facilitate opportunities for community outreach and service projects.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

☐ ☐

Provide Christian education and faith development opportunities for our youth.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

☐ ☐

Focus on building a faith community, forming connections, and caring for our church family.

MEDIA

☐ ☐

Help to manage church communications, digital presence, and worship technology.

PERSONNEL

☐ ☐

Responsible for the appointment, supervision, and termination of salaried employees.

PROPERTY

☐ ☐

Responsible for the maintenance of buildings, equipment and furnishings; supervision of custodian(s); facilities use policies; and oversight of all insurance policies.

STEWARDSHIP

☐ ☐

With pastoral supervision, promote a Biblically-based program of stewardship for our church family's gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

☐ ☐

Assists with worship planning. Oversees choirs, cantors, organists, worship assistants, and altar guild.

LEGACY

☐ ☐

Preserves and promotes the history and legacy of BVLC.

BEAVER VALLEY CHURCHMEN

☐ ☐

A men's fellowship that involves social gatherings, service projects, and church maintenance activities.

BEAVER VALLEY WELCA (Church Women)

☐ ☐

Organizes women's fellowship, Bible studies, prayer meetings, and events. Coordinates hospitality efforts.

FAITH PARISH NURSING PROGRAM

☐ ☐

Focus on the physical health/wellness of the congregation.

BVLC KIDS

October BVLC KIDS Calendar

Wednesday October 1st – 2Timothy 1:1-14 - Faith Passed Down

Sunday October 5th – Sing during church – NO BVLC KIDS

Wednesday October 8th – NO BVLC KIDS

Sunday October 12th – NO BVLC KIDS

Wednesday October 15th – Luke 18:1-8 – The widow and the Judge

Sunday October 19th - Luke 18:1-8 – The widow and the Judge

Wednesday October 22nd - Luke 18:9-14 – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Sunday October 26th - Luke 18:9-14 – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Wednesday October 29th - Luke 19:1-10 – Jesus and Zacchaeus

God Squad

October God Squad Calendar

Wednesday October 1st – 2Timothy 1:1-14 - Faith Passed Down

Sunday October 5th – Sing during church

Wednesday October 8th – NO God Squad

Wednesday October 15th – Luke 18:1-8 – The widow and the Judge

Wednesday October 22nd - First Communion Family Event - Luke 18:9-14 – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Wednesday October 29th - Luke 19:1-10 – Jesus and Zacchaeus

Important message to our parents / guardians:

CONFIRMATION

October Confirmation Schedule

October 1st, 2025 –

Commandments 4 - 6

October 8th, 2025 –

Commandments 7 - 8

October 15th, 2025 –

Commandments 9 - 10

October 22nd, 2025 –

Sacraments/First Communion

Family Night

October 26th, 2025 – Reformation

Sunday

October 29th, 2025 – Reformation Party

At BVLC the safety of our children is of utmost importance. Therefore, we are asking all parents or guardians to come into the church to pick up their children after Wednesday night BVLC Kids and Confirmation classes. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



BVLC KIDS



Small Wonders Pre-School

Our year has started off great! We have done our beginning of the year testing and have started art projects for our Art show in November.

-Brittany Gerovac



WELCA NEWS

Our WELCA group has a busy October planned!

- Crossroads Fall Gathering – October 11th – The deadline to register for this is October 1st, 2025
- Lefse prep day – October 17th @ 9:00 am
*Men are encouraged to join in the fun for Lefse!
- Lefse making day – October 18th @ 9:00 am
*Men are encouraged to join in the fun for Lefse!
- WELCA General Meeting – October 19th @ 10:45 am
- Women's Shelter Tour – October 28th @ 6:00 pm
*We will figure out a place to all have supper together before the tour.
- We will be making pillowcases for the children for Christmas
More details on this to follow.
- We will again be buying gifts for the women
More details on this to follow

*Sign up sheets for the Lefse prep, making, and Women's shelter tour will be available at the beginning of October.

****The Christmas Tour of Homes, that has been previously discussed, has been cancelled due lack of interest**

Service Project Update

We collected the following undergarments during our "Cover Your Tush" service project:

Boys 130 pair
Girls/Women 539 pair
Total collected 669 pair

Thank you to everyone who brought in donations! They were greatly appreciated!

Upcoming WELCA Events

November 8 or 9, Krumkake and Rosette making day

November 16th at 10:35 am – WELCA meeting in the Choir Room

*Grace our Tables will be held in the Spring of 2026. For those who are not familiar with this, it consists of: you choose to decorate a table as you like, picnic, holiday, vintage, modern, farm, summer, whatever theme you like. You set the table with dishes and accessories of your choosing. Then, you can invite your friends to sit at your table, you can purchase the table if you want, or others can sit at your table by purchasing their own ticket. Menu to be decided on at a later time. Usually, we have had the program consist of each person who decorated a table to tell about it. A fun evening of fellowship and friendship.

*Sylvia demonstrated cutting the plastic bags from stores and how Renner Lutheran church makes sleeping mats for homeless people and third-world countries to be used as a barrier between the ground and the person. If anyone is interested, visit with Sylvia. They do this on Mondays at Renner Lutheran from 1-3 if anyone is interested in learning and/or helping!!

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



PRAYER GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

The Prayer Garden continues to progress! The four granite benches have been installed and we continue to work on the irrigation. It is so nice to see the beauty of the prayer garden developing with all the different plants, shrubs and trees that have been planted! A continued thank you for all that has been given! Thank You, Everyone!

The Outdoor Committee



HEALING THROUGH COMMUNITY

Our Grief and Loss
group is here to
help you.

**TUESDAYS IN
OCTOBER
6:30 - 7:30 PM**

GOOD GRIEF

Granger E.
Westberg

Beaver Valley
Lutheran
Church
(605) 582-3504
Call to get
registered.

"When someone is going
through a storm, your silent
presence is more powerful than
a million, empty words."

-Thema Davis



"Hope
Smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier!'"

- Alfred Tennyson





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Joan Schuette, Prayer Chain

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

Troy Dawley	10/1	Laura Carbonneau	10/12
Kevin Backer	10/2	Kate Parkinson	10/12
Kingsley Long Crow	10/2	Dustin Dawley	10/13
(Tieszen)		Erin Olesen	10/13
Tyler Jacobson	10/4	Eth an Wright	10/14
Arthur Richert	10/4	Diana Albers	10/17
Isaiah Dietz	10/5	Phoenix Gross	10/17
(Feecken)		Carrie Hanson	10/17
Cassandra Dean	10/7	Kortney Jacobson	10/21
Kaitlyn Nelson	10/7	Mark Olson	10/21
Mark Dawley	10/8	Matt Funke	10/23
Matthew Dawley	10/8	Tanner Jacobson	10/24
Dennis Moritz	10/8	Myles Yitagesu	10/25
DeEtta Myers	10/8	Carol Funke	10/26
Nicholle Schwanke	10/8	Sherry Peer	10/27
Blake Weyh	10/9	Ellette Granberg	10/29
Mary Johnson	10/10	Chad Kuhnert	10/30
Jeniyah Weyh	10/11	Evonne Surdez	10/31
Jeannelle Yitagesu	10/11		
Ingrid Briggie	10/12		



2025



	OCTOBER 5	OCTOBER 12	OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 26
Upper Greeters:	Jessica Gross & Titan Gross	Joel & Beth Flier	Jeff Boucher & Luke Sittig	Larry & Ardell Johnson
Lower Greeters:	Dave & Anita Schnabel	Dale & Krista Hanson	Randy & Bonnie Nelson	Dan & Gingi Hanson
Acolyte:	Avery Berg	Corbin Hansel	Jack Sittig	Rensie Haak
Lectors:	Gary Parker	Tricia Steen	Susan Johannsen	Jennie Dede
Children's Sermon:	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk
Ushers:	Olander & Sylvia Benson	Alan & Ellen Schmidt	Dan Feeken & Ann Beesley	Joel & Beth Flier
Communion Servers:	Dan & Tricia Steen	NONE	Dave & Anita Schnabel	NONE
Communion Preparers:	Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford Wed. Oct. 1st - Troy & Kathy Dawley	NONE	Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford Wed. Oct 15th - Troy & Kathy Dawley	NONE
Communion Bread:	Linda Gjoraas	NONE	Linda Gjoraas	NONE
Nursery:	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Media:	David Vanden Hull	Lucas Maunu	Corey Maunu	Dan Feeken
Flags:	Hansel Family	Joel Flier	Hansel Family	Gary Parker
Church Bells	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
Offering Counting:	Dan Feeken Dave Schnabel	Dale Hanson Kelly Wright	Dan Feeken Marvin Burkman	Dale Hanson Kevin Backer

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.

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