



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 - November 2025



NOVEMBER - 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

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

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

Adult Choir - Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, November 1st – 7:00 am BVLC Fellowship Hall

First Communion, All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 2nd, 9:30 am

Food Trucks – Sunday, November 2nd, 11:00 am

Christian Education Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 6th, 6:00 pm

WELCA Krumkake & Rosette Making– Saturday, November 8th, . 9:00 am

Church Council Meeting – Thursday, November 13th - 6:30 pm

Music & Worship Committee Meeting – Wednesday, November 19th - 5:00 pm

WELCA General Meeting – Sunday, November 16th - 10:45 am – Choir Room

Parenting Class – Monday, November 17th, 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 27th, Offices Closed

Black Friday – Offices Closed

November Highlights



November 1st, Saturday, 7:00 am – Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall



November 2nd, Sunday, 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion. Our 5th graders will be receiving their First Holy Communion today.



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

November 2nd, Sunday, 10:35 am – NO BVLC KIDS

November 2nd, Sunday, 11:00 am – Food Truck Celebration in our South Parking Lot. Come back inside to gather in Fellowship. We will have desserts and board games.

November 3rd, Monday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Romans

November 5th, Wednesday 5:15 pm - Bible Study on Romans

November 5th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

November 5th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad

November 5th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

November 5th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

November 6th, Thursday, 6:00 pm – Christian Education Meeting

November 8th, Saturday, 9:00 am - WELCA is making Krumkake and Rosettes

November 9th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship

November 9th, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

November 9th, Sunday, 1045 am – Blood Pressure Screening and Blood Sugar Testing

November 10th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Luther's Life and Times

November 11th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Christians in the News!

November 12th, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

November 12th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship

November 12th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad – Family Night

November Highlights



November 12th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

November 12th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

November 13th, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

November 13th, Thursday, 6:30 pm – Sourdough Bread Making Class



November 13th, Thursday, 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting

November 16th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion.

November 16th, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

November 16th, Sunday, 10:45 am – WELCA meeting in the Choir Room



November 17th, Monday, 8:30 am – WELCA Lefse Prep Day

November 17th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Luther's Life and Times

November 17th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Parenting Class

November 18th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Bible Study on Christians in the News!



November 19th, Wednesday, 5:00 pm - Music & Worship Committee Meeting

November 19th, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

November 19th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

November 19th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad

November 19th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

November 19th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice

November 20th, Thursday, 8:30 am – WELCA Lefse Making Day

November 20th, Thursday, 12:00 pm – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

November 20th, Thursday, 6:30 pm – WELCA speaker “Sharing the Dream in Guatemala”

November 22nd, Saturday, 8:30 am – WELCA Lefse Making Day

November 23rd, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship

November 23rd, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

November Highlights



November 24th, Monday, 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Luther's Life and Times

November 25th, Tuesday, 5:30 pm – Advent Decorating in the church

November 25th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm - Bible Study on Christians in the News!



November 26th, Wednesday, 5:15 pm – Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew

November 26th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship - Thanksgiving Eve



November 26th, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

November 27th, Thursday, ALL DAY – Happy Thanksgiving!! Offices Closed

November 30th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship

November 30th, Sunday, 10:35 am – NO BVLC KIDS



HAPPY
Thanksgiving

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 quickly heading toward the end of the year!

As we move toward the end of the year, we also find ourselves moving into the holiday season. We know that we will soon be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas and will also be spending time with the people we know and love. This is an exciting time of the year for us because we know that we will get to see people we do not get to see very often, and we will also be able to take part in family traditions we only practice during these special seasons. However, this is also a time filled with a lot of anxiety because there are so many things we want to get done before the holidays come. There are recipes to find, dishes to prepare and all that housecleaning!

This is a special holiday season at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church because we are spending our first Thanksgiving and Christmas together as pastor and congregation. I have not been through these holidays with you, and you have not been through these holidays with me. We all bring ideas together to make these celebrations special and meaningful for our family of faith and for the community around us!

This year, I would like to try something the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Instead of doing a regular Wednesday evening service using the previous Sunday service, I would like to do a Thanksgiving Eve service followed by a pie social. This will allow us, as a family of faith, to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with one another. We will still worship at 6:15, and following worship, we will share in a time of food, fellowship and sharing desserts! I would like to ask as many people as possible to bring a pie to share that evening. Even if you are not a pie baker, please come and join us that evening. One thing I have learned at Beaver Valley is that there is always enough food for everyone!

Along with adding a Thanksgiving Eve service, I would also like to do Advent soup and sandwich suppers and services this year. We will do these events on December 3rd, 10th and 17th. Supper will be at 5:30, and worship will begin at 6:00. These suppers and services will give us an opportunity to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the month of December and to prepare for the Christmas holiday. We will have a sign up sheet out soon for soups, sandwiches and desserts. I know that Beaver Valley has done soup and sandwich dinners for Lent in the past, but I have something else in mind for those Wednesday nights, and they are going to be very fun!

As we take part in these events in the coming weeks, it is important for us to remember to give thanks to God for these opportunities to worship and to be in fellowship with one another. It is God who has brought us together at this time in this place. It is for us to acknowledge this and to show our gratitude for God's goodness during this holiday season and every day of our lives!

Just a thought...

Pastor Josh





New Studies Beginning November 10th!

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm –
Luther's Life and Times

Have you ever wondered what it means to be a Lutheran? Have you ever wanted to learn more about

Luther and Lutheran history? This is your chance! We will be using a variety of writings to discuss the history of the Reformation movement. During this time, we will have conversations and allow for questions surrounding our origins and what it means to be an ELCA Lutheran today!

Tuesday Nights at 6:30 pm – Christians in the News!

There is a lot of talk in the news about what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century in the United States of America. This class is going to be an opportunity to talk about news items and issues related to a faithful Christian witness in a culture that says so much about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Some of the issues that will be discussed will include the Christian Life, Christian Media and Christian Nationalism.

Wednesday Nights at 5:15 pm and Thursdays at 12:00 pm- The Gospel of Matthew

When we open our Bibles to the New Testament, we find ourselves in the book of Matthew. This Gospel was written to help us learn more about Jesus and to come to faith in our Lord and Savior. This study is going to be a time for us to read through this book of the Bible and to look for ways that the message conveyed relates to our lives as Christians today!

Please consider taking part in one or more of these study opportunities. Even if you cannot come every week, I would invite you to come and join us for one or more sessions of each of the studies.

Pastor Josh

BEAVER VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCA

Let's Make
Lefse!!



Join us in making Lefse!



*For more information:
Call (605) 582-3504*



November
17th - Prep Day
20th & 22nd - Making Days
Starting at 8:30 am

*We will be selling the Lefse after church on November 23rd.
EVERYONE is encouraged to join in the fun!!*

CHURCH COUNCIL

October 9, 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)

Robyn Van Meter (Treasurer) Kasey Johnson (Youth Delegate)

Call to Order:

Devotions and Treats: Kasey Johnson and Amy Johnson

Absent: Jason Haak, Scott Hansel, Kelly Wright, Josh Dede

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

MMSC: Motion to approve August Minutes was made by Krista Hanson and seconded by David Vanden Hull. Motion carried.

MMSC: Motion to approve September Minutes was made by Dennis Moritz and seconded by Alan Schmidt. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: **Reports were not available at the meeting time, so will be discussed at the November meeting.

MMSC: Motion to approve the September Treasurer report made by _____ and seconded by _____. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.

New Business:

- **Women's Bathroom Drain Issue – Buckets of water were used to pour down the drain, but the drain may need to be replaced if this doesn't help.**
- **Kingbird Coffee is doing a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25th, from 10:00 until noon. – It was decided the youth will participate in this event.**
- **Update Committee Rosters – Committee Rosters will be sent to Jacqui for updating.**
- **Weather-Related Meetings – Zoom meeting will replace in person meeting when the weather is inclement.**
- **Names for Nominations for Semi-Annual Congregational meeting: Scott Hansel, Alan Schmidt, Kelly Wright, Susan Kruse, Anik Marcotte, Angelica Fechner, Sarah Rust. Annual Meeting notices were mailed out to the congregation at the beginning of October.**
- **Stewardship Drive? – We are looking into using QR Codes to simplify giving.**
- **On-Line Directory – David Vanden Hull will be looking into arranging new pictures to be taken so the directory can be updated.**
- **Parking Lot Update – A \$10,349 gift was given towards the parking lot. Drainage issues still need to be looked at before going forward.**
- **Fall Gathering – Alan and Ellen Schmidt will be coordinating our gathering on October 26th at Homestead Brewery.**

Pastor's Report:

- Fell behind 2 weeks ago due to surgery, but I will be catching up.
- I have been calling people about situations as they arise.
- I am back in the office (full-time) per dr's note, as of October 13th, 2025.
- Thank you for the time off to recover and recuperate from my surgery.
- Confirmation is going well.
- I am processing the youth program in my mind to make recommendations soon.
- The Bible Study on Romans is going well.
- The start of the Grief study was postponed 1 week and will now begin on October 14th.
- Our First Communion Family Class is set for October 22nd.
- Our 9th grade class will be confirmed on October 26th.
- Permission to confirm confirmands was requested.
- We have a Food Truck planned for November 2nd from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- One of the coffee pots in the Fellowship Hall tripped a power strip. A member requested that we purchase a new one to avoid this happening in the future.
- Because of my health issues, I was not able to participate in the Monthly Men's Breakfast.
- The youth are taking ownership of the Confirmation program.
- Pastors from the Crossroads Conference met at Beaver Valley this month on October 9th. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Larry Johnson discussed the tornado damage and our steps to recovery with them.
- Kelli and I continue to learn empty nesting.
- I am adjusting to my new physical situation (I never knew how much I used my abdominal muscles).

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

Church in Society – Council Assignment, Dennis Moritz

- Nothing to report at this time.

Education and Youth Ministry – Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

Media – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Corey Maunu

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- David met with Rachel in September. Her hours have changed at work, and she is now able to come in to clean on Monday and Thursday each week. If there are notes or areas that need special attention, there is a weekly checklist in the janitor's closet by the Pastor's study that has a space for congregation members to leave any notes.

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

- Gil Haugan and Guarantee Roofing addressed the issue with the roof leak in the Fellowship Hall mechanical room. Line sets for a.c. units that caused condensation and dripping on the ceiling light by the elevator upstairs have been re-insulated. The new water softener was backordered and should arrive in the next few days. The Property committee met on Wednesday, the 8th, to review elevator service agreements. A recommendation will be made to the church board once we decide on a service contractor. We also started talking about outdoor property care for next year, and discussed the issue with the floor drain in the women's restroom. The repair person for the fridge in the kitchen came on Tuesday, October 7th. He thought he was going to just switch out the gasket, but he could tell that switching out the gasket would not fix the issue so he called the manufacturer and convinced them that we needed a new door. They are ordering one for us and it should be here in 2 to 4 wks.

Stewardship – Council Assignment, Jason Haak

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- The Worship and Music Committee met with Pastor Josh on Wednesday, September 17, to plan the hymns/songs for the worship services in October.

Legacy Committee – Council Assignment, Tammy Ford

- At Rally Sunday, we sold memorabilia left from the 150th celebration. The Legacy Committee added \$240 to fund for historic displays. All funds from sales of the 150th celebration memorabilia have been designated to go towards additional historic displays.

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

- We had 7 guys Saturday, still great fun, and the hope is to always get more men to come for food and fellowship

Beaver Valley Women – Council Assignment, Ann Beesley

- We earned \$642.00 on the Rally Weekend Craft and Bake Sale.
Looking into doing a Bake Sale in December.
We need to look into how volunteers are asked to help. We need to make more human connections.
Holiday tour of Homes for December has been cancelled.
We are looking into making pillow cases for the Women's Shelter. We have been asked to tour the shelter, and then meet for supper afterwards,
Lefsa Day is being considered for October 17-18. Men are certainly welcome to join us.
Members will be going to the WELCA CONFERENCE.
Sally is looking into a speaker in the future months.
A sheet needs to be composed so women know which groups there are to volunteer for.

Faith Community Nursing Program – Led by Sue Johannsen

- Balance class is in progress with 5-6 participants. Excellent involvement from the group attending. Jennie DeDe presented after worship on Sept. 28th. Fair participation from the congregation. Plans going forward –Grief class begins Oct. 7th at 7 pm. Using the book “Good Grief” again. 4 classes will be held.
In November, a parenting class will be held – Nov 17th.
Exploring a speaker on CPR and first aid this fall.
Future – additional interests will be explored. Consider bringing in an additional nurse to assist.
I would appreciate any other ideas

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

Beaver Valley Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting
October 19, 2025
Agenda

Call to Order: Brittany Gerovac

Devotions: Pastor Josh Schunk

Approval of Minutes

- 10/13/2024 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes
- Motion to approve 2024 minutes was made by Bruce Bonander and seconded by Anita Schnabel.

Old Business:

- Parking Lot was discussed to add lights for safety reasons when exiting the building.

New Business:

- Election of Church Council Members – Scott Hansel, Alan Schmidt, Kelly Wright, Susan Kruse. Kasey Johnson was elected as our Youth Delegate.
Motion to approve 2026 Council members was made by Rick Bonander and Seconded by Janet Andersen.
- Election of the nominating committee – Ann Beesley, Bruce Bonander, Denis Andersen, Dave Schnabel and Darin Van Meter.
Motion to approve Nomination Committee was made by Rick Bonander and Seconded by Alan Schmidt.
- General Fund update – A request was made to add the amount of the deficit into the weekly bulletin announcements.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Haak and seconded by Janet Andersen.

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.



- Starter and Sourdough Basics
- Hands on dough shaping
- Bake and taste
- Send you home with your jar of beginning starter and recipe to try, along with other helpful handouts

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a woven basket brimming with an assortment of breads. The basket, rendered in warm brown tones with black outlines, sits on a surface. Inside, there's a large round loaf with a crisscross pattern on its top, a braided loaf, and several slices of bread with visible seeds and a soft interior. The background is a simple white with a yellow vertical stripe and horizontal lines, suggesting a clean, bright environment.

A diagram of a jar of jam. The jar is filled with a light brown substance containing small, darker brown spots representing jam. The jar has a blue rim. A brown cloth cover is placed over the top of the jar, secured by a dark brown band. A label is attached to the front of the jar, showing a light brown background with a dark brown border and a small dark brown spot in the center. The label is partially obscured by the jam. The jar is labeled 'm' on the left side.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 1st at 7:00 am.
Come for breakfast, devotions, and Fellowship.

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
- In addition to the normal above needs, these are trying times for many in our community. Anything you could donate to the pantry would be welcomed.

Faith Community Nurse Update

Jennie presented after worship on September 28. Her topics included blood pressure, cholesterol and heart disease. Great information that was well received. Plans are currently posted as you enter the church and include sign up sheets as well. Events include completion of the Matter of Balance class, Sour Dough demonstration, parenting tips for children from birth to 10 and CPR review with demonstration by Sara Keifer. No certificate will be awarded.

These are free class. Specific times and dates are listed there.

Grief classes will finish in early November.

Please look for the article written by Pam on the benefits of A Matter of Balance classes.

Plans for training on set up of the communion table will be held in November for both the Wednesday night chapel and Sanctuary. Please let me know if you are interested in adding your name to the Altar Guide group. The 2026 calendar for communion participants will be coming out in the next week or so. It will include a diagram of the set up, altar colors, substitute list and seasons.

Saturday, November the 29th we will gather to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Some have already indicated interest but we would love to have you help. It is a good time.

-Sue Johannsen





It's time to decorate the tree at Beaver Valley!!!

The Flower Committee once again will have an opportunity for you to purchase an ornament in HONOR of, or in MEMORY of, a loved one. The names will be listed in the bulletin for our Christmas Eve services. The ornaments will cost **\$6.00 each**. Just fill out the blank below. You will be able to order ornaments until Sunday, Dec. 14th. All proceeds will be directed towards the operation of the Flower (and decorating) Committee. Please make checks payable to: **Beaver Valley Lutheran Church**. Following the last Christmas Eve service, you may take an ornament(s) home with you as a remembrance of

Christmas 2025. Ornaments from past years will also be under the tree, so you may take the new one for 2025, or one of the older ones you might have missed. **Place this insert, along with your check in the offering plate at any Sunday service or drop it off at the office.**

MY NAME _____

I would like to order _____ ornament(s) in MEMORY of:

I would like to order _____ ornament(s) in HONOR of:

Total \$ _____ for _____ ornament(s)



It's not too early to start planning for Christmas decorating it? So, here's the scoop for this year...Thanks to the Time & Talent committee, I have a list of those who expressed interest in helping with the decorating:

**Harley Drew Beth & Joel Flier Gingi Hanson
Susan Johannsen Christy Johnson Christy &
Anick Marcotte Kathy Reisenweber
Judy Richards Alan & Ellen Schmidt**

If you would like to be on this list, but have not turned in a time & talent sheet yet, just let me know...always room for more since there are so many tasks for decorating!

Here is what we have to do...

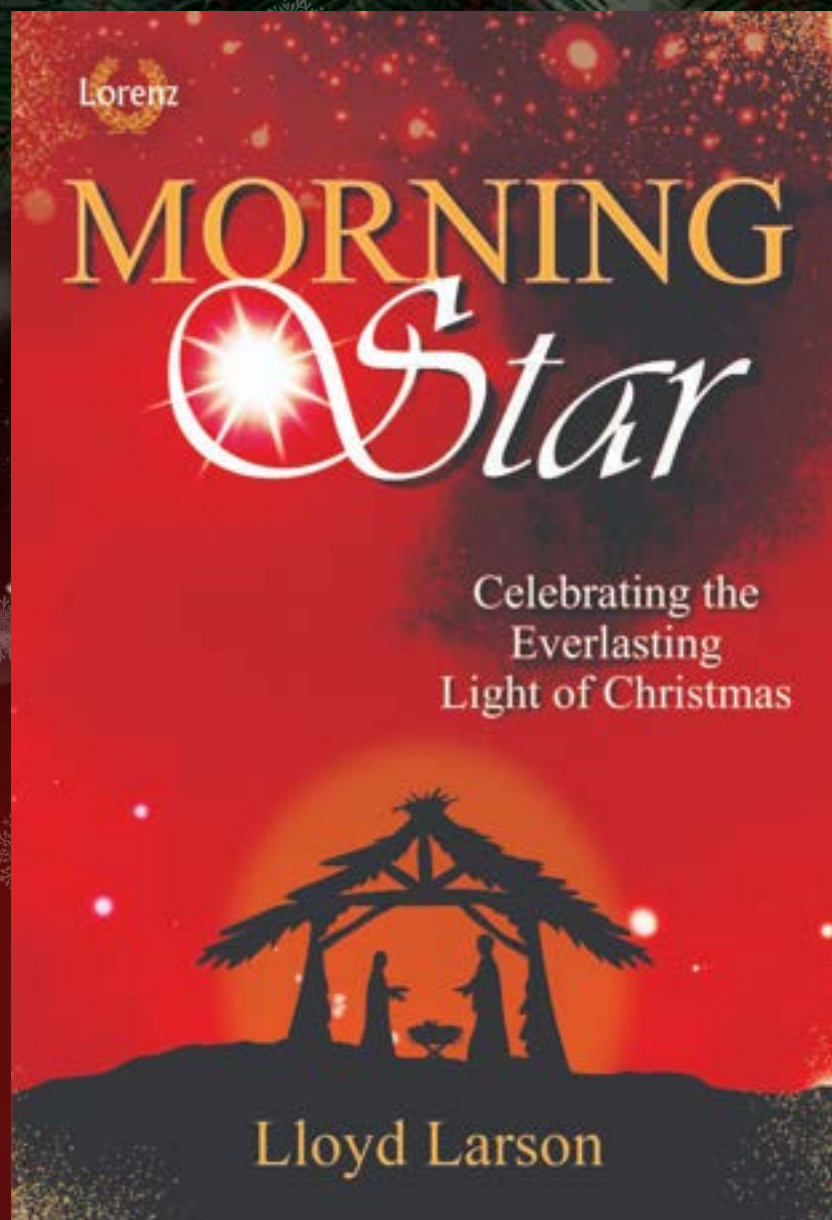
1. Set up the big tree in Sanctuary 2. Hang ornaments on Sanctuary Tree
3. Set up the window sill decorations 3. Hang wreaths in the Sanctuary
4. Set up altar trees 5. Set up small trees in the corner by the west entry
6. Set up the tree in the Narthex and hang ornaments
7. West entry outdoor pots 8. Fellowship Hall table decorations
9. Mezzanine Ledge Nativity 10. Alcove in wall Fellowship Hall
11. Set up Poinsettia Tree in Fellowship Hall



In the past we have always done this on Saturday morning after Thanksgiving, but this year I will be in Rapid City watching a special dancer in the Nutcracker that day. So how about this proposal? I visited with Pastor Josh, and we thought it would work to do it Tuesday the 25th this year...maybe 5:30-8:30? If you can't stay the whole 3 hours, let me know if there is a specific job you want to do, and then just leave after that.

Thank-you, Mary Lee

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church Presents



The Christmas story is one of hope. It is a message for each of us at any stage of life's journey reminding us that in our own dark nights Christ, the Light of the world, has come. This versatile musical is designed to be a worship celebration for choir, two narrators, and congregation. The blending of new and familiar Christmas melodies ensures a meaningful experience.

Join us on Sunday, December 21st, 2025
9:30 am

A Matter of Balance-Class Update

What causes more injury, a car crash or a fall in your tub? Easily, it could be a fall in your tub. Think about it. In your car, you are covered with roll bars, strapped in with a seat belt, and have airbags in front and beside you. In your tub, you're naked! No seat belts, roll bars, or air bags; it's just you and your unforgiving tub. By the time you figure that out, you are in big trouble and looking at the ceiling. I'm a healthy person and consider my age as my only risk factor for falls. I have a long-time fear of falling because I've seen some devastating injuries from falls, many of which could have been prevented. Full disclosure: I had a fall last winter, and I learned black ice is invisible, not black. Pride and backside got bruised, humbling indeed. I considered it a one-off event. Nonetheless, I don't want falling to be a part of my life.

I was so glad to see that the class "A Matter of Balance" was offered again this fall. I signed up and expected to learn a few ways to "fall-proof" my home and get safety tips to avoid falls. What I found was a whole new way to look at the problem of falling. I learned that even my own fear of falling and traumatic feelings about falls actually increased my personal risk of falling. I had more risk factors than I thought. Turns out age wasn't even my most concerning risk factor.

The balance class leaders, a Physical Therapist and specially trained fall prevention instructor, take participants through a comprehensive look at the mental, physical, environmental, and functional factors that affect falling. We then explore ways to change our risks, improve our strength and balance, and enhance confidence in our ability to prevent falls. The instructors are knowledgeable, class activities are practical, and simple exercises are used to increase balance. I am very impressed with this program and recommend it because anyone can fall. This class is fun, easy, informative, worthwhile, and free! It's possible that your biggest risk factor for falls is thinking you don't need to take this class.

Thank you, Sue and Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, for hosting and promoting this class.

Pam Byram

Simple Guide: Your New Online Member Directory Login





The Online Member Directory app update

To prepare for the new system, all users will have to set up a new way to log in.

● VERY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP

Your old username and password **will NOT WORK** in the new system. All users must now log in with an **email address** and set up a **brand new password**.

Please follow these steps in order. Only move to the next step if the current step fails.

Step 1: Reset Your Password

If your existing account was successfully moved over, this is the quickest way to get started.

1. Go to the app.onlinememberdirectory.com on the website or the new app.
2. On the third page, click "**Forgot Password**" or try [here](#) under the login fields.
3. Enter your email address, the one listed on your directory profile.
4. Check your email for a verification code email. (if you do not get an email with a code check your email for typos.)
5. Enter the verification code and set up your new password.

If you get an **error message that your account cannot be found** after resetting your password, please move on to Step 2.

Step 2: Create a New Account (Sign Up with Email)

If Step 1 did not work, it means the system couldn't find your account. Next, create a new account with your email.

1. Go to app.onlinememberdirectory.com, under the login button click "Dont have an account, sign up by **email**."
2. Enter your email address to create your new account.
3. Enter your code and setup your new login credentials.
4. The system will automatically try to match your new account with your existing membership using your name and email.

If it matches, you will be all set!

If you receive an error, please move on to Step 3 to try signing up with your phone number.

Step 3: Try Signing Up With Your Phone Number

If signing up with your email in Step 2 did not connect you to your membership, your directory record might only have your mobile phone number on file. Try this step next.

1. On the app.onlinememberdirectory.com screen, click Phone next to “dont have an account yet?”
2. This time, enter your mobile phone number instead of your email address to sign up.
3. You will receive a text with a code. Enter your code and login.
4. The system will automatically try to match your account.
 - o If your mobile phone number and name match an existing membership you’ll be all set.
 - o If this Sign Up process also tells you it cannot find your existing membership, please move on to Step 4.

Step 4: Use the Invite Code to Join the Directory

This step is only needed if all other attempts (Steps 1, 2, and 3) failed to connect you to your existing membership record.

1. If the Sign Up process fails to match you, the system may ask you to "Join Existing Directory" or "Start a new Directory"
2. You must get the Invite Code from your local organization. **Please contact your church or organization directory admin leader directly** for this code. (Due to high call volumes and for faster results, **contact your specific admin(s) first** before you contact the main Online Member Directory support team.) Enter the code here.

Once the code is entered, an administrator will likely need to approve the connection. This may take a little time, but your account will be fixed!



BVLC KIDS

November BVLC KIDS Calendar

Sunday, November 2nd – First Communion – NO BVLC KIDS

Wednesday, November 5th – Luke 20: 27-38

Sunday, November 9th – Luke 20: 27-38

Wednesday, November 12th – **FAMILY NIGHT**
– 2Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Sunday, November 16th – 2Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Wednesday, November 19th – **Hand out Christmas Program parts** – Luke 23: 33-43

Sunday, November 19th – **Hand out Christmas Program parts** – Luke 23: 33-43

Wednesday, November 26th – **NO BVLC KIDS** –
Pie Social after the 6:15 pm worship service

Sunday, November 30th – **NO BVLC KIDS**



CONFIRMATION



God Squad

November God Squad Calendar

Wednesday, November 5th – Luke 20: 27-38

Wednesday, November 12th – **FAMILY NIGHT** – 2Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Wednesday, November 19th – **Hand out Christmas Program parts** – Luke 23: 33-43

Wednesday, November 26th – **NO God Squad**
– Pie Social after the 6:15 pm worship service

Important message to our parents / guardians:

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.

November Confirmation Schedule

November 5th, 2025 – Introduction to Creeds

November 12th, 2025 – Apostles' Creed – Article 1

November 19th, 2025 – Apostles' Creed – Article 2

November 26th, 2025 – **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS** – Pie Social after the 6:15 worship service



2025 Confirmation Class

Caden Vanden Hull, Kyle Swenson, Ben Anderson,
Kinnick Ring, Lillyanna Ring

WELCA NEWS

Our WELCA group has another busy month planned!

- Krumkake & Rosette Making – November 8th -
- Lefse prep day – November 17th @ 8:30 am
*Men are encouraged to join in the fun for Lefse!
- Lefse making day – November 20th and 22nd @ 8:30 am
*Men are encouraged to join in the fun for Lefse!
- WELCA General Meeting – November 16th @ 10:45 am
- WELCA Speaker – “Sharing the Dream in Guatemala” -
November 20th @ 6:30 pm
- We will again be buying gifts for the women
More details on this to follow

*Sign up sheets for the Krumkake, Rosettes, Lefse prep, and Lefse making, are up on the wall of the South entrance

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

*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!!

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Our Mission:

To prevent, treat and heal trauma.

GIFT RECEIPT

Beaver Valley WELCA
26214 484th Ave
Valley Springs, SD 57068-7201

Date: September 30, 2025

Gift received: **669 pair of new underwear**

Received by:



Ashley Neeley

Assistant Director of Development and Events
Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety

P.S. Please keep this letter as your tax receipt. No goods or services were received in return for this donation.

Thank you so much for your
Compassionate support of our mission
to prevent, treat and heal trauma. This
incredible gift is very essential for those
we serve, who are escaping and navigating
difficult circumstances. Many show up
with little to nothing — we sincerely
appreciate your support and kindness.
I look forward to seeing more of you
at our fair on Oct. 28th!



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

Darrin VanMeter	11/01	Austin Holz	11/11
Cole Swenson	11/02	Aden Letcher	11/11
Caleb Schunk	11/02	TJ Krietlow	11/12
Alexa Kruse	11/04	Paul Maxwell	11/12
Debra Moritz	11/05	Larry Johnson	11/16
Ann Beesley	11/05	Anita Schnabel	11/16
Aiden Cormack	11/05	Troy Prohl	11/18
Michael Hluchy	11/08	William Thompson	11/22
Briann Jacobson	11/09	Kirby Shroll	11/22
Casey Kuhnert	11/09	Julie Wright	11/24
Robyn Tieszen	11/09	Ryan Wingate	11/25
Tyler Nelson	11/10	Mike Swenson	11/25
Caden Vand Hull	11/10	Meron Yitagesu	11/28
Memphis Haeffner	11/10		



2025



	NOVEMBER 2	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 23	NOVEMBER 30
UPPER GREETERS:	Denis & Janet Andersen	Georgia Backer & Ann Beesley	Lanny & Sylvia Benson	Bruce & Lynne Bonander	Rick Bonander & Tammy Ford
LOWER GREETERS:	Harley Drew & Susan Johannsen	Dan & Tricia Steen	Christy & Anick Marcotte	Wayne & DeEtta Myers	Darrin & Robyn Van Meter
ACOLYTE:	Makenna Yitagesu	Acadian Gross	Tucker Kiefer	Colten Vanden Hull	Bailey Gonzales
LECTORS:	Kathy Reisenweber	Darrin Van Meter	Harley Drew	Janna Kloth	Will Kruse
CHILDREN'S SERMON:	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk
USHERS:	Richard & Christy Johnson	Joel & Beth Flier	Harlan & Linda Gjorass	Dan Feeken & Rhett Kloth	Dave & Anita Schnabel
COMMUNION SERVERS:	Susan Kruse, Mabel Wilcox Jeannelle Yitagesu	NONE	Kevin & Georgia Backer, Gingi Hanson	NONE	NONE
COMMUNION PREPARERS:	Dan & Tricia Steen NOV 5 th : Julie & Kelly Wright	NONE	Dan & Tricia Steen NOV 19 th : Julie & Kelly Wright	NONE	NONE
COMMUNION BREAD:	Denis Andersen	NONE	Denis Andersen	NONE	NONE
MEDIA:	Corey Maunu	Dan Feeken	Lucas Maunu	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu
FLAGS	Hansel Family	Joel Flier	Christy & Anick Marcotte	Kelly Kruse	Gary Parker
CHURCH BELLS:	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
OFFERING COUNTERS:	Marvin Burkman & Dave Schnabel	Dale Hanson & Dan Feeken	Kelly Wright & Sarah Rust	Marvin Burkman & Dave Schnabel	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.



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Lucia

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

We invite you to attend this free event that celebrates community, light, family, children, and good food. St. Mark's youngsters perform traditional Swedish dances, one of our young people wears a crown of candles as St. Lucia, and we serve traditional Swedish holiday treats.

Friday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open one hour prior to performances

A freewill offering will benefit Pueblo de Dios

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	www.beavervalleylutheran.org Worship online anytime! Sunday Worship at 9:30am is Livestreamed on YouTube. Log on to www.youtube.com and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.					1) 7:00 am – Men’s Breakfast
2) 9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion First Communion 10:35 am - -Food Trucks after Worship -Desserts from the congregation	3) 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Romans	4)	5) 5:15 pm - Bible Study on Romans 6:15 pm -Worship with Holy Communion 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids, God Squad, 7:00 pm – Confirmation Sr High Youth 7:00 pm – Adult Choir	6) 6:30 pm - Education Committee Meeting	7)	8) 9:00 am - Krumkake & Rosette
9) 9:30 am - Worship 10:35 am - Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am – Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening	10) 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Luther’s Life & Times	11) 6:30 pm – Bible Study on Christians in the News!	12) 5:00 pm – Music & Worship Committee Meeting 5:15 pm - Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew 6:15 pm -Worship 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids, God Squad, 7:00 pm – Confirmation Sr High Youth 7:00 pm – Adult Choir	13) 12:00 pm - Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew 6:30 pm – Sourdough Bread Making Class 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting 	14)	15)
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28) 9:30 am – Lesson in Carols	29)	30)	31) No Services Happy New Year’s Eve!!			www.beavervalleylutheran.org Worship online anytime! Sunday Worship at 9:30am is Livestreamed on YouTube. Log on to www.youtube.com and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.