



# **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 – March 2026**



## **MARCH - HIGHLIGHTS**

- Worship** - Sundays, 9:30 am
- Coffee Hour** – Sundays, 10:35 am
- BVLC KIDS** – Sundays, 10:35 am & Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
- The Bible Study** - Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall** – Wednesdays, 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Lenten Worship in the Fellowship Hall** – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
- 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, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm
- Men's Breakfast** – BVLC Fellowship Hall, Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 am
- Daylight Saving Time Begins** – Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 am
- Church Council Meeting** – Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm
- WELCA General Meeting** – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 am, Choir Room
- St Patrick's Day** – ALL DAY – March 17th
- Music & Worship Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm
- Children's Easter Program** – Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 am
- Palm Sunday Service** – Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am



# March News

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC KIDS**



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

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Worship, Fellowship Hall**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice**



**March 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:00 pm – Christian Education Committee Meeting**



**March 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 7:00 am – Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 2:00 am – Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship**



**March 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Worship, Fellowship Hall**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth**

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice**



**March 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting**



**March 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion**

**March 15<sup>h</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 am – WELCA General Meeting, Choir Room**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday - Happy St Patrick's Day**



**March 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 5:00 pm - Music & Worship Committee Meeting**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall**

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**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice**



**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 am – Sunday Worship with Children's Easter Program**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 am – NO BVLC Kids**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Supper, Fellowship Hall**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 6:30 pm – Wednesday Lenten Worship, Fellowship Hall**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – BVLC Kids & God Squad**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth**

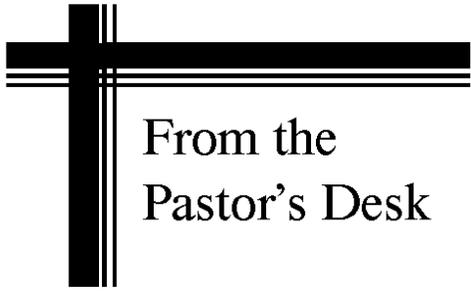
**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 pm – Adult Choir Practice**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 am – Palm Sunday Worship**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study**





## From the Pastor's Desk

Friends in Christ,

Greetings to each and every one of you from God, our loving heavenly Father, and our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that this newsletter finds all of you well now that we are making our way into the season of spring!

Soon, we will welcome the season of spring!@ The season of spring is a time of renewal. When we walk outside, we see newness in the longer days of sunshine. We see the grass turning green, the flowers blooming, and the leaves on the trees. We wake up to hear birds singing. When we journey through our neighborhoods, we come into contact with people walking outside, and we hear the laughter of children enjoying the warmer temperatures and getting ready for spring and summer sports.

As we enter this season of spring, we are also invited to experience renewal in our homes and in our lives. God calls us to experience refreshment in our relationships with Him and in our relationships with other people. We know that long winters can have a negative effect on our moods and on our interactions. When we hear about one more snowstorm or one more lower temperature day, we can find ourselves getting down. When we get down, we may be irritable, and we may also be difficult to be around because other people may be afraid that we are as tense as they are. Being irritable and tense with one another can cause strains on relationships.

Along with being irritable with other people, we also get irritable with God at times when the weather is not as nice as we would like it to be. We pray hard that God would send warmer temperatures, and we tune our televisions or computers to our favorite sources for the forecast and find out that the temperature is not going to be that warm for at least another five days. At those times, we wonder if God is hearing our prayers or not, or if He is hearing our prayers, why does He not seem like He is answering them?

Spring is our chance to let go of the irritability and the tension. It is our opportunity to ask God to forgive our impatience and also repent in our relationships with other people. When we do so, we will find that our relationships with God are renewed. This is what God does for us when He forgives us. He makes us brand new again. We get to start over in our relationship with him, just as the green grass allows our yards to look brand new again.

As we experience renewal in our relationships with God, we can also experience renewal in our relationships with other people. We can see other people in a new light and ask them to see us in a new light. When we are able to do this, we can enjoy our relationships with one another and expect to have relationships that are fun and enjoyable once again. We can truly greet one another with a smile because all of us can enjoy this season of spring together.

Of course, rebuilt relationships offer an opportunity for us to share our faith. When we share our faith in these relationships, they are stronger because Jesus is in the center of them. Who knows? This renewal that you have experienced may change someone's life because of how God is able to use you.

Just a thought...

Pastor Josh

## CHURCH COUNCIL

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Attendees: Dan Feeken (2027)  
Jason Haak (2027)**

**Brittany Gerovac (2027)  
David Vanden Hull (2027)**

**Krista Hanson (2028)  
Dennis Moritz (2028)**

**Josh Dede (2028)  
Amy Johnson (2028)**

**Susan Kruse (2029)  
Scott Hansel (2029)**

**Alan Schmidt (2029)  
Kelly Wright (2029)**

**Robyn Van Meter (Treasurer)**

**Kasey Johnson (Youth Delegate)**

**Call to Order: Brittany Gerovac Devotions and Treats:**

Dennis Moritz

**Absent: Jason Haak, Josh Dede, Amy Johnson, Susan Kruse, and Kasey Johnson**

**Approval of prior meeting minutes:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve January Minutes as amended was made by Kelly Wright and seconded by Krista Hanson. Motion carried.**

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve the January Treasurer report was made by David Vanden Hull and seconded by Alan Schmidt. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.**

**Old Business:**

- **Phone Lines – Robyn inquired if all 4 phone lines were needed for the church. This was tabled to have Jacqui check into what all the lines were for. – Jacqui investigated this, and all 4 lines are needed. They consist of the main line that serves the office, pastor's office, and the line in the kitchen, a line for the elevator for emergency use, and 2 lines for alarm systems (one is main and the other is a backup).**

**New Business:**

- **Printing of current council minutes – Currently, Jacqui prints the last council minutes in the following month's Tidings. (January minutes were printed in the February Tidings). These minutes are not officially approved until after the Tidings are sent out. It was decided that the minutes would be sent out and approved before being printed in the Tidings. This will be done by email.**
- **Committee Meeting Frequency - Council was reminded to be sure to let Jacqui know when committee meetings are taking place so she can put the meeting dates on the calendar. Also, a reminder was given to try to at least meet quarterly for good communication.**

- **Council Assignments** - Council assignments for committees were discussed. A few changes were made. Council assignments can be viewed on the committee report section of the minutes.
- **Insurance and Training for an additional Faith Community Nurse** - A motion was made by David Vanden Hull to have Jennie Dede trained as an additional Faith Community Nurse. Susan Johansson would like to have help as the program is doing so well. Susan would also like to cut back a bit. Scott Hansel seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Funeral & Wedding Contact Person** - Pastor Josh is looking for a person or persons to be the main contact for weddings and funerals. This person would take the lead on finding people to help at funerals and to find those willing to donate food. They would also be a resource for answering questions, etc., for couples getting married at BVLC. Brittany has volunteered to help coordinate until a permanent person can be found. Pastor Josh would like another person to help with this, also.
- **Pew – Last pew** - The last pew on the right in the sanctuary has a crack in the seat. Alan will see that the pew is fixed.
- **Bait Traps for Mice** - Property will purchase and maintain the bait traps.
- **Removal of portable bleachers** - A motion was made by David Vanden Hull to sell or donate the portable bleachers that are currently stored in the mechanical room in fellowship hall. Second by Kelly Wright. Motion passed.

#### **Pastor's Report: Highlights –**

- Enjoyed my performance review.
- Had 52 member contacts since the last council meeting. Attended the Bethany board meeting.
- Talking about summer events with students. Doing 2 bible Studies.
- Looking into several camps for our youth. Starting a Bible study at Helping Hands.
- Ash Wednesday is planned. Lent is planned. Acolyte, Communion, and Usher training were held.
- BVLC Churchmen's February breakfast went well. Talked about old cars.
- WELCA co-presidents are stepping down. Election of new officers will be on February 15th.
- Kelly and I are downsizing and emptying boxes. Enjoying country life.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Cemetery Committee - Council Assignment, Kelly Wright**

- Nothing to report currently.

##### **Church in Society – Council Assignment, Dennis Moritz, & Amy Johnson**

- Nothing to report currently.

##### **Education and Youth Ministry – Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac & Kasey Johnson**

- Fun evenings have been planned for the youth. VBS materials have arrived.

##### **Evangelism and Outreach – Council Assignment, David VandenHull, Amy Johnson**

- We did not meet in January. Nothing to report currently.

**Media – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Corey Maunu**

- Roku streaming devices were added to the Sunday school room and the god squad room. Will allow content to be streamed from devices with a single account vs. having to set up multiple accounts for the various smart TVs. Improved Wi-Fi for the education wing is next up.

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

- In January, we completed the "Ministry Performance Evaluation" with Pastor Josh. This evaluation reviews the alignment and performance of the pastor, council, and congregation, as it relates to the ministry of Beaver Valley

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

- Alan sanded the main outside office door frame. High spots were causing the door to catch and were making it difficult to open. We will be touching up sanded areas when warm weather permits.

**Stewardship – Council Assignment, Jason Haak, & Susan Kruse**

- Nothing to report currently.

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

- Our January 22nd meeting was cancelled because of bad weather. Sylvia was given permission by the other members to plan the hymns/songs for the services in February except for the Hymn of the Day, which Pastor Josh would plan. Our next meeting is planned for February 18.

**Legacy Committee – Council Assignment, Tammy Ford**

- We did not meet in January. Nothing to report currently.

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

- We had 14 men attend the February Men's Breakfast. We had great discussions about their cars, past and present. If you could not attend, you missed out on a great time. Our next Breakfast will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Beaver Valley Women – Council Assignment, Pastor Josh**

- WELCA met on January 18th. A discussion was held about the upcoming Spring Women's Conference on April 25th. Items are being collected for the women's shelter. It was decided that WELCA would do the decorating in the fellowship hall since Mary Lee has resigned.

**Faith Community Nursing Program – Led by Sue Johannsen**

- Nothing to report currently.

**MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by David Vanden Hull. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned**

**Your 2026 Executive Board will be: President – Brittany Gerovac, Vice President – Susan Kruse, Secretary – Krista Hanson**

**LENT 2026 – THEME – FOR US – USING HYMN  
NUMBER 322 – 40 DAYS OF  
SERVICE  
POT LUCK DINNERS  
SERVED AT 5:30 PM WORSHIP  
TO FOLLOW AT 6:15 PM  
BVLC KIDS, GOD SQUAD,  
CONFIRMATION & YOUTH TO FOLLOW SERVICES**



**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
PASTA WILL BE OUR FOOD THEME  
INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME  
IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
INVITATION TO REPENTANCE AND FASTING  
BEING CHANGED FROM ME-CENTERED TO OTHER-  
CENTERED**

**LENT 1 – FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> – THE ROBE OF HUMAN  
FRAME  
BREAKFAST WILL BE OUR FOOD THEME  
WHY DID JESUS BECOME A HUMAN BEING?  
READING FROM HEBREWS CHAPTER 1**

**LENT 2 – MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> – DONE FOR US  
SCANDINAVIAN WILL BE OUR FOOD THEME  
GOD'S SELF-GIVING LOVE**

**LENT 3 – MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> – FOR US HE SEEKS  
COMFORT FOODS WILL BE OUR FOOD THEME  
JESUS GOES LOOKING FOR US  
JESUS WANTS TO SAVE US  
JESUS WANTS TO LOVE US**

**LENT 4 - MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - JESUS PERFORMS ACTS OF HEALING FOR US. WHAT DOES SPIRITUAL HEALING LOOK LIKE TODAY?**

FINGER FOODS WILL BE OUR FOOD  
THEME

**LENT 5 - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> - FOR US BETRAYED**  
SMASH BURGERS WILL BE OUR FOOD THEME  
JESUS WAS BETRAYED FOR US  
JESUS SUFFERS FOR US AND WITH US

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> - SACRAMENTS**  
JESUS GIVES HIMSELF FOR US  
JESUS IS BAPTIZED FOR US

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> - HIS DYING BREATH, JESUS DIES FOR US**

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> - JESUS RISES**  
JESUS DEFEATS DEATH FOR US  
JESUS OPENS THE WAY OF ETERNAL LIFE FOR US



## Meals on Wheels

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church is responsible for delivering meals to Brandon Residents for the month of **March**. Please see the sign-up calendar near the bulletin Boards to secure your spot to help with delivering these meals. Full instructions will be given to all who volunteer. Total delivery time takes about an hour from start to finish. Please call Beth Flier with any questions (605) 261-3796.

## Greater Brandon



On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we will be doing a Scandinavian Night Pot-Luck Supper at 5:30 pm. Pay homage to our Swedish culture by bringing something to share that honors the Swedish heritage. Examples would be Swedish Meatballs, Salmon, Potato Pancakes, Herring, Cabbage Rolls, Smoked Pork Sausage, Beef Stew, Swedish Apple Cake, Princess Cake, Swedish Apple Pie, etc. Need some inspiration? Pinterest has a ton of suggestions and recipes for you to try. Bring your favorite Swedish dish, side, or dessert to share with your BVLC family.

**On Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, we will be doing a Comfort Foods Pot-Luck Supper at 5:30 pm. Examples would be Chicken Pot Pie, Meatloaf, Tater-Tot Hotdish, Creamy Mac & Cheese, Shepherd's Pie, Bread Pudding, Apple Crisp, Peach Cobbler, and so many more. Bring your favorite Comfort Food to share with your BVLC family.

**On Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, we will be doing a Finger Foods Pot-Luck Supper at 5:30 pm. Examples would be Chicken Wings, Little Smokies, BBQ Meatballs, Chips and Dips, Veggies and Dips, Mini Tacos, Tortilla Rolls, Pinwheels, and more!! Bring your favorite Finger Foods to share with your BVLC family.

**On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, we will be doing a Smash Burger Pot-Luck Supper at 5:30 pm. We will be providing the Smash Burgers, and we are asking you to bring the sides and desserts to share with your BVLC family.

# God's Creators

Heidi Schacht created the cards below for God's Creators.

If you would like to participate in this group or, if you know someone who needs a card, please contact Jacqui in the office, (605) 582-3504, [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org) or Ardell Johnson, (605) 757-6273, [princessann@alliancecom.net](mailto:princessann@alliancecom.net)



**Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall –**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 7:00 am**

Come join the men of the church as they get together in a relaxed environment for conversations and connections. We usually do a short devotional or message to encourage Faith, talk about upcoming church events and activities, and most importantly, foster and support relationships within the group. All men are welcome to attend.



**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) of laundry detergent
- Boxes of hot chocolate
- Instant potatoes
- In addition to the normal needs above, these are trying times for many in our community. Anything you could donate to the pantry would be welcome.



An infographic with a yellow background. At the top left is a simple line drawing of a woman. To its right, the words "WOMEN &amp; SHELTER" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "100,000 WOMEN and CHILDREN LEAVE THEIR HOMES EACH YEAR" is written in a large, bold, black font. Underneath that, in a smaller font, it says "FOR THE SAFETY of an EMERGENCY SHELTER". In the center, there is a graphic of a house with a circle around it and the text "on LEAVING SHELTER". At the bottom, there are two pie charts. The left one is mostly black with a small white slice, and the right one is mostly white with a small black slice. Below the left pie chart is the text "9/10 DO NOT PLAN TO RETURN TO THEIR SPOUSE". Below the right pie chart is the text "4/10 DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY WILL GO".

**The Sioux Falls Women's Shelter has immediate needs!!**

Please consider donating any of the following items and place them in the grocery cart, that is located near the Fellowship Hall. WELCA will deliver them!!

**Thank you for your support!!!**

- \*Women's socks and underwear
- \*Women's sweatpants size Large and up with an emphasis on 2XL and greater
- \*Basic hygiene, shampoo, conditioner, body Wash, toothpaste, and deodorant
- \*kids shampoo, toothpaste, and body wash



**Crossroads Connections**  
**A Newsletter for the Women of the ELCA in**  
**South Dakota Crossroads Conference**

**Upcoming Event**

**Crossroads Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering**

**April 25, 2026**

**8:30 to 2:30 PM**

**Beaver Valley Lutheran Church**

**26214 484<sup>th</sup> Ave. Valley Springs, SD**

*“Give Me Peace”*

*Featured Speakers, Vendors, Business meeting, Election of Officers*

*Registration will be \$10.00 which includes lunch. RSVP is a must for catering purposes, so please contact Connie Nelson, Treasurer, at 605-261-9698 or [connienelson59@gmail.com](mailto:connienelson59@gmail.com) by Friday, April 17, 2026.*

*Our “Love” gift at our gathering will go to “Sleep In Heavenly Peace”. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to providing beds for children in need. Their wish list includes new regular size pillows, new twin size sheets, new pillows cases or anything that will complete a bed.*

*We would like to invite WELCA units to bring a sample of their quilts or any other projects your members make. We will have a table set up for their display.*

## *From the Officers*

### *\*\*President*

*Now that my two terms are coming to an end, I want to thank everyone for all of their support and help whenever I needed it. I am hoping we will be able to find a new President who will continue leading our conference. Make an effort to always include the purpose statement in the opening of your meetings. Prayerfully consider all of your duties and seek to carry them out to the best of your abilities.*

### *\*\*Vice President*

*I am Deacon Maggie Fink and serve as Vice President of Crossroads Conference WELCA. One of my responsibilities is the nominating committee. This year the president, vice president and secretary have completed their terms and will go off the board. The board decided that we will offer the option of co-presidents. That means two individuals would share the president's duties.*

*Will you prayerfully think about individuals in your units who would consider serving the Conference WELCA. Sandy Sorum, Kathy Evenson and I are the board members serving as the nominating committee. Please contact any one of us with possible suggestions. New officers will be installed at the spring conference gathering on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and serve a two-year term.*

### *\*\*Secretary*

*As Secretary you are an integral part of your Unit, who not only assists your President but is the record keeper of any actions or motions the unit passes. Meeting minutes do not need to be detailed but merely reflect the motions, resolutions, policies, amendments or changes in the by-laws or constitution. If a committee is formed include those details, committee's purpose, who is in charge, who is on it, and when it is to report back.*

*\*\*Term has expired*

## *Director of Discipleship*

*Discipleship is about relationships among women of faith. Using the seven marks of discipleship, we should, 1. Pray for each other, 2. Regularly meet for a Bible Study, possibly from the Gather Magazine, 3. Show up for worship every Sunday, 4. Invite new people to join wherever they are interested, 5. Encourage each other, 6. Serving and 7. Giving are two ideas we are all good at. I challenge you to start something new or expand on something you are already doing. We grow in faith by sharing what we have learned from friends and neighbors. If you would like ideas for new projects, you can contact me. Kathy Porter, Dir of Discipleship [katytwo@hotmail.com](mailto:katytwo@hotmail.com)*

## *Director of Stewardship—*

*Thanks to ALL who sent in your reports before end of January so that I could submit my report by February 1st. 18 reports were submitted and we appreciate your involvement in LWR and Global Health projects thru WELCA. The quilts/kits/bandages and financial support you reported are blessings to so many people locally and globally. Keep up the great work BUT also remember to record all your donations and projects for this year!! You all are amazing God bless and hope to see many of you at Spring Gathering in April. Jolene Wehde*

## *Director of Justice.*

*There are many groups in the area that can always use some help to continue to provide services to those in need. Here are some ideas:*

- The Unhoused ("homeless" is no longer the preferred term)*
- Veterans*
- School children at Title 1 schools*
- Food insecure*
- Seniors*
- Social Work*

*If you'd like ideas for specific agencies, please contact Director Linda Jensen, at 605-310-9865 or [Lindaajensen11@gmail.com](mailto:Lindaajensen11@gmail.com).*

## *Future Events*

*SD WELCA Convention  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Watertown, SD  
June 16-20, 2026*

*Triennial  
Des Moines, IA  
July 17-19, 2026*

*The theme both for the SD WELCA Convention and Triennial is “I Am Worthy”.*

### **Crossroads Conference Officers 2025-2026**

**President** — Sandy Sorum, Renner Lutheran (2024-2026) 605-201-4334

**Vice President** — Deacon Margaret (Maggie) Fink, Zion Lutheran, Hartford, (2024-2026), 605-799-7167

**Secretary** — Kathy Evenson, Renner Lutheran (2024-2026), 605-941-4699

**Treasurer** — Connie Nelson, First Lutheran in Sioux Falls, (2025-2027), 605-261-9698

**Director of Stewardship** — Jolene Wehde, West Nidaros, Crooks (2025-2027), 605-212-5730

**Director of Justice** — Linda Jensen, Peace Lutheran Sioux Falls, (2024-2026), 605-310-9865

**Director of Discipleship** — Kathy Porter, Peace Lutheran Sioux Falls, (2025-2027) 605-261-2125



Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2:00 am. Remember to Spring Forward by setting your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed Saturday evening.

### 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 **20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org).

Thank you all for your help with this.



### A Note from the Cemetery Committee

The cemetery committee does not reserve graves without payment. If you have family in either cemetery you wish to be next to you must purchase the grave. Contact Rick Bonander or Dale Hanson to purchase graves.





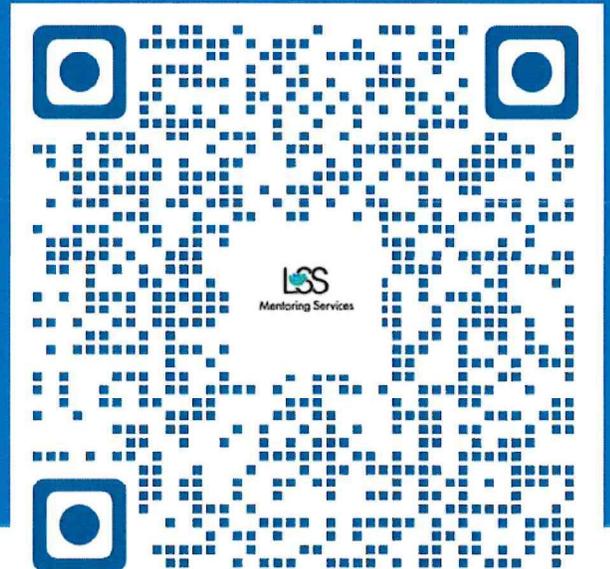
# Brandon Valley School District

## *In School Mentoring*

Join LSS In-School Mentoring at BVIS, Fred Assam or Brandon Elementary. Spend one-on-one time with a student playing games, reading, and talking—building meaningful connections through small moments that make a lasting difference.

*Make a Big Impact in Just 40 Minutes a Week!*

Following the submission of your application, you will be invited to an orientation via Zoom. This training will thoroughly prepare you to be a volunteer mentor. Upon successful completion of the orientation, LSS will collaborate with participating schools to thoughtfully match you with a student at BVIS, Fred Assam or Brandon Elementary, where you will meet with your student once a week for 40 minutes.



**SCAN THE CODE  
TO APPLY TODAY!**



**CONTACT US: 605-444-7803 | [Mentoring@LssSD.org](mailto:Mentoring@LssSD.org) | [Mentoring.LssSD.org](https://Mentoring.LssSD.org)**

# BVLC KIDS & God Squad

## BVLC KIDS

## God Squad

### March BVLC KIDS Calendar

- Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>-Easter Program Practice
- Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>- Easter Program
- Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>- Matthews Holy Week, Matthew 21:1-11, 26:14-27,66- Easter Project
- Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>- Matthews Holy Week, Matthew 21:1-11, 26:14-27,66- Easter Project

### March God Squad Calendar

- Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
- Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>-Easter Program Practice
- Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>- Easter Program Practice
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## **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.

# CONFIRMATION

## February Confirmation Schedule

March 4<sup>th</sup> – Lent II

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Lent III

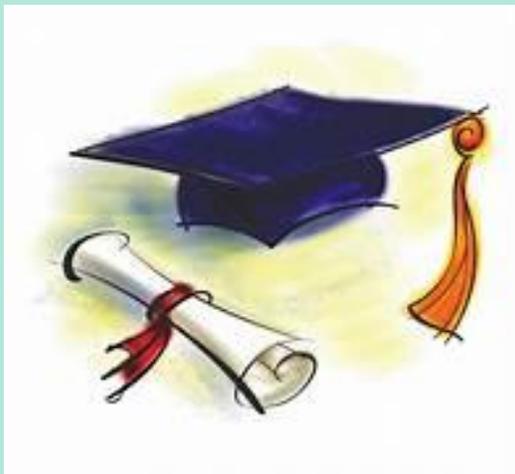
March 18<sup>th</sup> – Lent IV

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Lent V



## Attention Seniors

Please submit your Senior picture, School attending, Graduation Date, and what your future plans are after High School to the office by March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Thank you!





## Who are Buntrock Scholars?

The Buntrock Scholars Program supports students who are active and engaged in ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) congregations in the Midwest. The program is open to those who are involved in the church before and after graduation from Augustana University.

## What is the Buntrock Scholars Program?

The Buntrock Scholars Program provides financial support for selected students attending Augustana. This competitive scholarship covers half of the net price of attendance at Augustana, up to \$13,000 per year. The award is renewable for three additional years, and it can be received alongside other academic and talent-based scholarships. The program benefits at least 30 first-year students each year. Students who receive and accept the Buntrock Scholarship participate in the full breadth of faith & spiritual life programming (worship, Bible studies, service events, etc.).

## Requirements

Eligible students must be engaged in a Midwest ELCA congregation and remain in good academic standing at Augustana. After a student has applied and been offered admission to Augustana, they must complete a scholarship form, which when submitted will prompt the student's senior pastor to submit a recommendation. The donor's vision for this generous scholarship program is to partner with the student's congregation and synod to make college more financially accessible. Buntrock Scholarships will begin to be awarded to students in late November.

Learn more and apply at  
[augie.edu/BuntrockScholarship](http://augie.edu/BuntrockScholarship).



# BUNTROCK SCHOLARSHIP

Continue your involvement in the ELCA and find your home in a community of faith by joining the Buntrock Scholars Program at Augustana.

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**Please pray for our B.V. members  
and Friends on their special day!**

Kerry Knudson	03/01	Mya Kiefer	03/19
Sean Andersen	03/02	Sylvia Benson	03/20
Cheryl Kohler	03/02	Trevor Dean	03/21
Sally Jo Beal	03/03	Amanda Petrik	03/21
Kristen Vanden Hull	03/04	David Vanden Hull	03/21
Stephanie Burkman	03/05	Cooper Genz	03/22
Dan Steen	03/07	Colton Vanden Hull	03/23
Dalton Dawley	03/07	Mary Lee	03/25
Graceyn Dede	03/09	Karla Schneider	03/25
Aaron Schroeder	03/10	Jeff Boucher	03/28
Dylan Braucht	03/10	Jill Kiefer	03/29
Nathan Johnson	03/15	Abigale Olesen	03/29
Ellen Schmidt	03/15	Jordan Ramazani	03/30
Jason Braucht	03/16	Debby Shroll	03/30
Eric Gulseth	03/17	Dan Feeken	03/30
Rick Johnson	03/17	Blake Holz	03/31
Don Nolte	03/19	Elaine Watkins	03/31

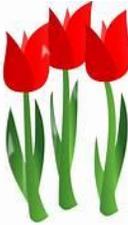




	<b>MARCH 1</b>	<b>MARCH 8</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>
<b>Upper Greeters:</b>	Christy & Anick Marcotte	Alan & Ellen Schmidt	Bruce & Lynne Bonander	Scott & Sarah Rust	Daryl & Jane Schubert
<b>Lower Greeters:</b>	Darin & Robyn Van Meter	Wayne & DeEtta Myers	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	Larry & Ardell Johnson	Ann Beesley & Jeannelle Yitagesu
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acadian Gross	Tucker Kiefer	Colten Vanden Hull	Makenna Yitagesu	Ayden Eagle
<b>Lectors:</b>	Daryl Schubert	Kelli Schunk	Jennie Dede	Dennis Moritz	Will Kruse & Mary Lee
<b>Children's Sermon:</b>	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh
<b>Ushers:</b>	Marvin Burkman & Mike Swenson	Michael & Jessica Gross	Mike & Heidi Schacht	Dan & Tricia Steen	Scott & PJ Hansel
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Richard & Christy Johnson and Mable Wilcox	NONE	Ron & Jeanne Nelson and Janna Kloth	NONE	NONE
<b>Communion Preparers:</b>	Brenda Winter <b>Purple</b>	NONE	Brenda Winter <b>Purple</b>	NONE	NONE
<b>Communion Bread:</b>	Judy Richards	NONE	Judy Richards	NONE	NONE
<b>Media:</b>	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Dan Feeken	Lucas Maunu	David Vanden Hull
<b>Flags:</b>	Joel Flier	Hansel Family	Kelly Kruse	Christy & Anick Marcotte	Gary Parker
<b>Church Bells</b>	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
<b>Offering Counting:</b>	Dale Hanson Marvin Burkman	Dan Feeken Sarah Rust	Dale Hanson Marvin Burkman	Sarah Rust Dan Feeken	Marvin Burkman Dave Schnabel

**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](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org) or call (605) 582-3504. Thank you!**

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<p>15)</p> <p>9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:35 am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:35 am – BVLC Kids – Easter Program Practice</p> <p>10:45 am – WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>16)</p>	<p>17)</p> <p>1:00 pm – Balance Class</p> <p>6:30 pm – The Bible Study</p> 	<p>18)</p> <p>5:00 pm – Music &amp; Worship Committee Meeting</p> <p>5:30 – Lent Dinner</p> <p>6:15 pm -Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 pm – BVLC Kids, God Squad</p> <p>7:00 pm – Confirmation Sr High Youth</p> <p>7:00 pm – Adult Choir</p>	<p>19)</p> <p>6:30 pm – Christianity in America</p>	<p>20)</p>	<p>21)</p>
<p>22)</p> <p>9:30 am – Worship – Children’s Easter Program</p> <p>10:35 am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:35 am - BVLC Kids</p>	<p>23)</p>	<p>24)</p> <p>1:00 pm – Balance Class</p> <p>6:30 pm – The Bible Study</p>	<p>25)</p> <p>5:30 – Lent Dinner</p> <p>6:15 pm -Wednesday Worship</p> <p>7:00 pm – BVLC Kids, God Squad</p> <p>7:00 pm – Confirmation Sr High Youth</p> <p>7:00 pm – Adult Choir</p>	<p>26)</p> <p>6:30 pm – Christianity in America</p>	<p>27)</p>	<p>28)</p>
<p>29) Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am – Worship</p> <p>10:35 am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:35 am - BVLC Kids</p>	<p>30)</p>	<p>31)</p> <p>1:00 pm – Balance Class</p> <p>6:30 pm – The Bible Study</p>	<p><a href="http://www.beavervalleylutheran.org">www.beavervalleylutheran.org</a> Worship online anytime! Sunday Worship at 9:30 am is live-streamed on YouTube. Log on to <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.</p>			

			<p><b>01)</b> <b>April Fool's Day</b></p> <p><b>Passover Begins At Sundown</b></p>	<p><b>02)</b> <b>6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Service</b></p> 	<p><b>03)</b> <b>6:30 pm – Good Friday Service</b></p> 	<p><b>04)</b> <b>7:00 am – Men's Breakfast</b></p> 
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