

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 2026



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
The Bible Study – Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
God Squad – Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Confirmation & Sr High Youth – Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Adult Choir - Wednesdays, 6:45 pm
Men's Breakfast – Saturday, November 7th – 7:00 am BVLC Fellowship Hall
First Communion, All Saints Sunday – Sunday, November 1st, 9:30 am
All Saints Service – Sunday, November 1st, 6:00 pm
Turkey Bingo – November 8th, 4:00 pm (Doors open at 3:30 pm)
Church Council Meeting – Thursday, November 13th - 6:30 pm
New Member Sunday - Sunday, November 15th – 9:35 am
Worship Before Thanksgiving – Tuesday, November 24th – 6:00 pm
after worship we will be coming together with a Pie Social
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26th, Offices Closed
Black Friday – Offices Closed
Advent Decorating – November 28th, 9:00 am

November Highlights



November 1st, Sunday, 9:30 am – All Saints Worship with Holy Communion. Our 5th graders will be receiving their First Holy Communion today. Please welcome Abe Haak and King Longcrow to Communion



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

Sundays, 10:35 am – BVLC KIDS

November 2nd, Monday, 6:00 pm – Grief Class

November 3rd, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study

November 4th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

November 4th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – God Squad

November 4th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

November 4th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – Adult Choir Practice

November 5th, Thursday, 5:00 pm – The "Fun Group" Meets

November 5th, Thursday, 5:30 pm – Christian Education Meeting

November 5th, Thursday, 6:00 pm – The Chosen Bible Study – Season 5, episodes 5 & 6

November 5th, Thursday, 7:00 pm – Property Committee Meeting



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

November 8th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship

November 8th, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

November 8th, Sunday, 4:00 pm – Turkey Bingo – Doors Open at 3:30 pm

November 9th, Monday, 6:00 pm – Grief Class

November 10th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study – This session will be canceled as Pastor Josh will be out of town. We will resume again on November 17th at our regular time

November 11th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship

November 11th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – God Squad

November Highlights



November 11th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

November 11th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – Adult Choir Practice

November 12th, Thursday, 12:00 pm – The Chosen Bible Study – Season 5, episodes 7 & 8 – This will conclude our study on the first 5 Season of The Chosen.

November 12th, Thursday, 6:30 pm – Church Council Meeting

November 15th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

November 15th, Sunday, 9:30 am – New Member Sunday

November 15th, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

November 15th, Sunday, 10:45 am – WELCA meeting in the Sr High Youth Room
WELCA will be doing an Intergenerational Activity

November 16th, Monday, 6:00 pm – Grief Class

November 17th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study

November 18th, Wednesday, 5:30 pm - Music & Worship Committee Meeting

November 18th, Wednesday, 6:15 pm – Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

November 18th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – God Squad

November 18th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – Confirmation & Senior High Youth

November 18th, Wednesday, 6:45 pm – Adult Choir Practice

November 19th, Thursday, 6:00 pm – The Chosen, Season 6 Watch Party – Join us to watch Season 6 together as a group. This season will be all about the Crucifixion of Jesus. We will be watching this together in the Fellowship Hall, then we will have a discussion on the episode as a group for whoever would like to stay

November 22nd, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship

November 22nd, Sunday, 10:35 am – BVLC Kids

November 23rd, Monday, 6:00 pm – Grief Class – This will conclude our class

November 24th, Tuesday, 6:15 pm – Our Wednesday Worship is moving to Tuesday this week

November 24th, Tuesday, 6:30 pm – The Bible Study – This session will be canceled because we will be moving our Wednesday Worship to Tuesday. We will resume again on December 1st at our regular time

November Highlights



November 24th, Tuesday, 6:45 pm – Pie Social after worship. Bring in your favorite pie to share with others in Fellowship



November 26th , Thursday, ALL DAY – Happy Thanksgiving!! Offices Closed

November 27th, Friday, ALL DAY – Black Friday – Offices Closed

November 28th, Saturday, 9:00 am – Advent Decorating in the church



November 29th, Sunday, 9:30 am – Sunday Worship

November 29th, Sunday, 10:35 am – NO BVLC KIDS





Friends in Christ,

Greetings to each and every one of you from God our loving heavenly Father and our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that this newsletter finds all of you well now that we are quickly heading into the final 2 months of 2026! It seems like this year has gone faster than any other period in recent memory.

As we head into these last 2 months, I want to give you an invitation. It is one that I have probably shared in some form before. I want to invite you to really lean into what is happening in and around our family of faith. God is causing some cool things to happen around here, and I would like to see as many of us as possible be part of these great things in one way or another.

For example, we have had several people express a desire to be a part of our family of faith. I make it super simple for people to join our congregation. At one time, I made it a chore to become a member of the churches I served, but I realized that I was not doing it right. I have changed the way people join, but I also have not had a new member Sunday for a while. With this in mind, we will be having a new member Sunday on November 15th. We will recognize our new members during the worship service and take some time to get to know them during fellowship. It would be awesome if we had a full sanctuary that morning to welcome these new people into our family!

Something else that God is doing at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church is giving us many opportunities to be together in the next several weeks. We will have Thanksgiving Eve Eve worship on November 24th at 6:15 pm. This will be our chance to take a few moments as a congregation to thank God for all of his great gifts to us this year and to look forward with hope to all that God will continue doing for us. Following this service, we will have a pie social, so we can enjoy some food and fellowship with one another in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday! Along with these Thanksgiving activities, we will also have Turkey BINGO to help raise money to support the students attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Along with these, we will be hosting the Brandon Valley Ministerial Association for a lunch on November 19th. These are in addition to all of our regular activities and programming. God is good, and God is showering this family of faith with his love and blessings.

When we think about attending these activities, it is important for us to think about who we could invite to come with us. Do you have a friend, a family member or acquaintance that could use some food, fun and fellowship in their life right now? These activities provide great opportunities to invite people to come and experience Jesus at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church!

As always, if you have any other activities you would like to see happen here at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, please let me, a Council member, or a member of our “Fun” or “Funner” committees know. We are always looking for ways to share God’s love with one another in this place and beyond. We believe Jesus when he said that wherever 2 or more are gathered in his name, he is right there among them. Every time we come together at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, Jesus is right here among us. That is amazing!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at these activities. Come! Have a great time! Let’s share God’s love with one another!



Just a thought…

Pastor Josh

Would you like a visit from Pastor Josh?

If you would like a visit from Pastor Josh, please call the church office and let him know. He is more than happy to come and talk about the love of God at Beaver Valley, to share a prayer and/or bring Holy Communion!

(605) 582-3504




YOU'RE INVITED TO A
SKELETON DANCE PARTY
DANCE • LAUGH • GET SPOOKY
FRIDAY OCT 30TH
&
SAT OCT 31ST
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!
LOCATION:
Larry and Ardell's
700 Cliff Ave
Valley Springs, SD 57068
STARTS:
WHEN YOU GET HERE!
ENDS:
WHEN YOU LEAVE!
GOOD VIBES • SPOOKY VIBES • DANCE VIBES

Family Table

November is a busy month for families. We have our first holidays to plan and serve. We have some winter sports starting with a few games to attend. There are also music practices and events. We cannot forget about homework. Of course, if the weather turns, then we have to start to think about which events will be changed, postponed or even cancelled. Then, we have to rearrange our calendars once again to make everything else fit into an already jam-packed week or month!

November is also a busy month for families at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church. On November 15th, we are going to formally introduce several new family members. As we do so, we want to make sure we welcome them just as we welcome people into our homes. We want them to feel wanted and loved. We want them to know that we appreciate them joining our congregation at this time. The families of our church can do this the best. I would encourage everyone to get to know our new members and to share your Beaver Valley Lutheran Church story with them. Why are you here? What do you love about our congregation?

Along with welcoming new families this month, we will also be starting the season of Advent. Advent is one of those parts of the Church year that gets buried among everything else we think we need to do to get ready for Christmas. Oftentimes, we remember to decorate our homes. We remember to put up our Christmas trees. We also remember to do our cooking and baking. Some times, in our rushing around to get ready for Christmas, we forget to prepare our hearts. We get so busy thinking about everything we need to get done. We do not let God do what he needs to which is to help us get ready to celebrate the birth of His only Son. During this month of November, we want to help you prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas. Beginning on November 29th, we will have several resources available for you and your families to prepare your hearts for Christmas. We will have some Advent calendars and activities you can do together to strengthen your relationship with God and to strengthen the relationships within your homes.

In addition to calendars and activity sheets, we will also have an opportunity to support ELCA Good Gifts. We will have ornaments available for you to hang on your trees at home to help you to do things like feed a refugee family or feed people at a soup kitchen or purchase a farm animal to help support a family in need. One of the best ways to celebrate Advent and Christmas is by sharing the gifts that God has given to us with other people who do not have some of the same resources that we do.

November is going to be a great month for our family of faith! We hope and pray that your families have wonderful months, too!

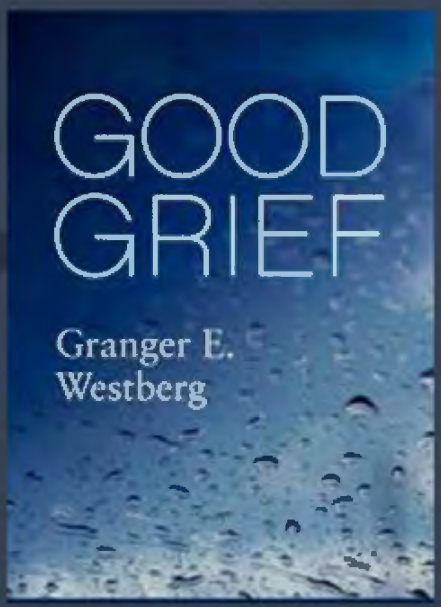




HEALING THROUGH COMMUNITY

Our Grief and Loss group is here to help you.

MONDAYS IN NOVEMBER
6:00 - 7:00 PM



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

BEAVER VALLEY
LUTHERAN

TURKEY BINGO

50
CHANCES
TO WIN!



SUNDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM BINGO 4-6

$5/card
OR 10 cards for $45

Refreshments served, come win your Thanksgiving Dinner staples!



CHURCH COUNCIL
October 8th, 2026

Attendees:	**Dan Feeken (2027)**	**Brittany Gerovac (2027)**
	Steven Ring (Interim)	**David Vanden Hull (2027)**
	Krista Hanson (2028)	**Josh Dede (2028)**
	Sara Kiefer (Interim)	**Amy Johnson (2028)**
	Susan Kruse (2029)	**Alan Schmidt (2029)**
	Scott Hansel (2029)	**Kelly Wright (2029)**
	Robyn VanMeter (Treasurer)	**Kasey Johnson (Youth Delegate)**

Call to Order:

Devotions and Treats: Brittany Gerovac
Absent: Steven Ring, Amy Johnson, Kasey Johnson, Scott Hansel

Approval of prior meeting minutes:
MMSC: Motion to approve September Minutes was made by Susan Kruse and seconded by Alan Schmidt. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:
MMSC: **Motion to approve the September Treasurer report made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by Susan Kruse. Motion carried. Robyn has been looking over the MidAmerican and Century Business statements. She will be inquiring about some concerns about the amount we are being charged. Color printing can cost from 7 to 10 cents a copy. It was decided to print copies in black to save the added expense.**

Treasurer's Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.

Old Business:

- **Shepherd's Staff will be renewed October 31, 2026, for 1 year. Last year's renewal rate was $637.20. Jacqui is looking into Iconcmo. The Basic plan is $550 annually and covers Membership, Attendance, Donations, On-Line Directory, Support, and allows for 1 user. The Standard plan is $825 annually and covers everything in Basic, plus communications, email statements, 2,000 monthly emails, and allows use for 5 users. Jacqui thinks that Basic would cover our needs since we do not use this for communication or emailing statements. Although she does think emailing statements out quarterly could be useful. She would still need to mail end of year contribution statements, but emailing the others would save roughly $563 if statements were emailed quarterly. Jacqui will call Icon on Monday to see how we could move our current info from Shepherd's Staff to Icon.**
- **Further discussion about the church's financial situation was held. What is the next step after the undesignated memorial fund money is depleted? This will be revisited at the next council meeting.**

New Business:

- **Cell Phone Usage During Service - Other than using phones for QR giving, we are asking that cell phone usage be limited during all church services.**

- **2027 Budget-Committees are to have budget information ready for the November council meeting. As the budget is prepared, committees are reminded to be fiscally responsible with their financial numbers.**
- **Calendar of events for the rest of 2026-many events are planned for the remainder of the year. Jacqui will have a calendar of events in the office.**
- **Pastor Josh presented the names of 4 confirmands. A motion to confirm Cannon Halbersma, Mazie Petrik, Ayden Eagle and Luke Fiscus was made by Kelly Wright. Second by Josh Dede. Motion carried.**

Pastor's Report:
Pastor Josh Council Report
October 2026

Pastoral Ministry

Communication

100 member contacts this month

It has been nuts ☺

There is a lot of stuff happening in people's lives again

Several other pastors through new and renewed relationships

I wrote articles for the Brandon Valley Journal in September

Worship Services

Worship was held on site and off site

Pastoral Acts

1 Hospital Visit

1 Baptism conversation

Bible Studies

On site

Off site

Meetings

Worship Committee

Youth Gathering

Stewardship Committee

Community Events

I have been in 3 schools so far this year

Saint Francis House Dinner

Small Business Thursday

Brandon Valley Middle School

New Horizons Vet Clinic

Meals

Soup Supper

Drive-Thru Worship

Fewer people

This will continue to be offered

Rally Weekend

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Cemetery Committee - Council Assignment, Kelly Wright</u>

- Nothing to report at this time.

<u>Church in Society – Council Assignment, Amy Johnson</u>

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- BVLC KIDS and God Squad will be singing on October 18th. I have started planning for the Christmas program and have a handful of confirmation kids that are willing to help. Fundraising is off to a good start for the youth gathering this summer. Turkey bingo in November will be a fun way to raise money!

Evangelism and Outreach – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Amy Johnson

- Nothing to report at this time.

Media – Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull & Corey Maunu

- Lucas is doing some testing on the mic issues we had last week.

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- Nothing to report at this time.

Stewardship – Council Assignment, Susan Kruse

- The Stewardship Committee met Wednesday evening, September 30, at 5:30 pm. The committee finalized the letters, Time and Talents form and other materials that will be sent to members within the next week. Temple Talks are planned for every Sunday in October. Time and Talents sheets, along with anonymous financial commitment cards, will be due Sunday, October 25. The next Stewardship Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, at 5:30 pm. At that time, we will review the 2027 financial commitment submissions, which will help guide the budget for next year, as well as the Time and Talents forms.

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

- The Worship and Music Committee met on Wednesday, September 16 to plan the hymns/songs for the Sunday worship services in October.

Legacy Committee – Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

- Nothing to report at this time.

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

- We had a small but mighty group for Men's Breakfast. Lots of chatting.
  Reminder all are welcome hope to see more men attend as summer winds down.

Beaver Valley Women – Council Assignment, Pastor Josh Schunk

- Nothing to report at this time.

Faith Community Nursing Program – Led by Sue Johannsen

- Nothing to report at this time.

MMSC: **Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by Josh Dede. Motion carried.**



BVLC Committees



- Cemetery - Kelly Wright
- Church in Society - Amy Johnson
- Education and Youth - Brittany Gerovac
- Evangelism - Pastor Josh Schunk
- Media - Corey Maunu
- Property - Scott Hansel
- Stewardship - Susan Kruse
- Worship and Music - Sylvia Benson (Until Jan 01, 2027)
- Legacy - Tammy Ford
- Beaver Valley Church Men - Alan Schmidt
- Beaver Valley Women - Heidi Schacht
- Faith Community Nursing - Sue Johansen (Until Jan 01, 2027)
- Altar Guild - Sue Johansen (Until Jan 01, 2027)

Looking for a way to get more involved at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church? Joining a committee is a great place to get started.

If you've ever been interested, but weren't sure whom to contact, we've made it easy. Above you will find a list of our committees, along with their chairs. Feel free to reach out to them to learn more about what they do, when they meet, and how you can get involved.

There's a place for everyone, and we'd love to help you find where you fit in!









TRUNK OR TREAT
2026

Beaver Valley Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting

October 18, 2026

Minutes

Call to Order: Council President, Brittany Gerovac

Devotions: Pastor Josh Schunk

Old Business:

- In September of this year, parking lot lights were installed in the church parking lot for added safety when exiting the building at night.

New Business:

- **Election of Church Council Members**-a nomination was made to add Michael Gross to the ballot. A motion for nominations to cease was made by Krista Hanson. Second by Amy Johnson. Motion carried. Nominees for a three-year term are Anita Schnabel, Sally Rosin, Val Carlson, Darrin VanMeter, Kevin Petterson, Steve Ring and Michael Gross. Elected for the three-year term were Val Carlson, Darrin VanMeter, Kevin Petterson and Steve Ring. Sara Keifer was elected for a one-year term. Kasey Johnson will be the youth representative for 1 year.
- **Election of the nominating committee**- A motion to accept Dan Feeken, Brittany Gerovac, David Vanden Hull, Dave Schnabel, Jessica Gross, and Ellen Schmidt was made by Anita Schnabel. Second by Harley Drew. Motion Carried.
- **General Fund update**-Robyn VanMeter reported that giving has increased but expenses are exceeding the income.

Adjournment-Motion to adjourn by Sara Keifer. Second by Dan Feeken. Motion carried.

Lord's Prayer








A ball will be placed into the ball pit for every invitation that is extended to someone outside the BVLC family. Our goal is to fill this ball pit up!! How many people will you invite??



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 15th 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.



Milk Jug Collection
for December Project

We will be collecting empty, rinsed milk jugs now through the end of November!

Please bring your clean milk jugs in all sizes (gallon, half-gallon, and pint) to the church.

Alan Schmidt is collecting the jugs for a special December project. If you have any questions, please contact Alan.

Thank you for your help and support!









Men's Breakfast in the BVLC Fellowship Hall Join us for a morning of great food, fellowship, and purpose at the **BVLC Men's Breakfast!**

More than just a meal, it's an opportunity to connect with others, grow in faith, and encourage one another as we **Gather. Grow. Lead.**

🗓️ **Saturday, November 7, 2026**

⏰ **7:00 AM**

📍 **BVLC Fellowship Hall**

Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, and come hungry! Tag someone you'd like to bring along, and we'll see you there!

Gather. Grow. Lead. 💪

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 at 9:00 am, 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

HOMESTEAD BREW 2026



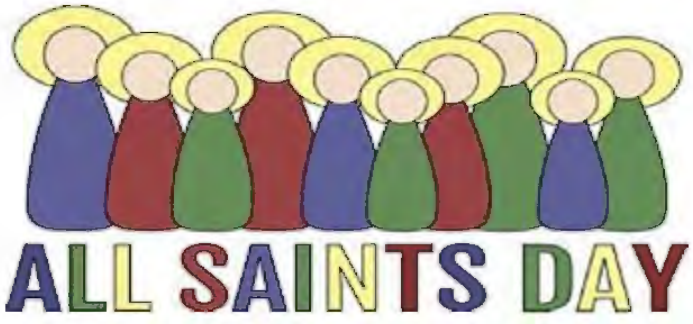






All Saints Service – November 1st, 2026, at 6:00 pm

During our worship service on November 1st, we will take a few moments to acknowledge the people whose funerals were at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church in 2026. This time in service will be short, but there are times when we need more time and space to recognize and to process the losses in our lives. Because of this, we will be having a special All Saints Service at 6:00 on Sunday, November 1st in the sanctuary. This will be a time to remember those we have lost and to give thanks to God for their impacts on our lives.



It's not too early to start planning for Christmas decorating!
November 29, 2026 at 9:00 am



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. Nativity Scene
10. Alcove in wall Fellowship Hall
11. Set up Poinsettia Tree in Fellowship Hall







YOGI BEAR CORN MAZE



2026 BVLC YOUTH CORN MAZE EVENT

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe in miracles? WE DO!

THANK YOU for all the prayers and support from EVERY ONE of you during our time of duress.

Early in October, my husband, Randy, was given a cardiology diagnosis of three major blockages in his heart. One 100%. One 95%. And one 90%. We returned home from a Sioux Falls appointment with a change in meds and a prayer.

Our church members prayed. Our neighborhood prayed. Our friends in Custer prayed! Randy's whole "old" football team prayed. And people we didn't even know prayed. THANK YOU!

So what brought him to that appointment? Severe indigestion. He went to the gastroenterologist that he had seen before. This time the gastroenterologist said see a cardiologist first and then come back. So an appointment was made and an angiogram was done. Not so good. Blockages. The angiogram and 10 days with no heavy lifting and a lot of pacing the floor and prayers.

A few days later, feeling good, feeling normal, and not able to lift over 10 lbs, we decided to go for a drive. We closed up our little cabin in Custer, SD. First night there, HEART ATTACK! Off to Custer Hospital. Our experience there was lovely - if I can say that. The ER was the most helpful and caring staff! They treated us with utmost care and concern! THANK YOU!

But being a small hospital, we were off to the Rapid City Heart Hospital by ambulance. According to Randy, again, a lovely experience if that is possible. It was a 1:00 AM trip by the ambulance staff but they were happy to be of service and he was treated tenderly. THANK YOU!

We arrived at ER in Rapid City. Lots of security but I was helped immediately to find him in an ER room. Then up to a Cardiac room. Testing. Blood drawn. Questions asked. Records looked at. The next day the surgeon came in to talk.

He was sure they found a good vein and could do surgery. He loved to fix hearts. The staff all said he was excellent! And he 'loved fixing hearts"! We were in the right place! Prayers continued!

Five days to get the Plavix out of his system. Bad timing for the doctor. He would be on vacation by then. So he checked and rechecked, hoping the Plavix level would go down sooner because he "loved fixing hearts"! Nope. He would be gone but his "partner'' was flying in to take over his rounds and surgeries so he could have a break after 57 days on duty.

Oh poo, but ok. Surgery on Monday morning. More prayers!

Monday morning rolls around. Surprise! In walks our "love to fix hearts" doctor. His "partner's" plane was delayed and he was back to do the surgery. We were blessed again! A Miracle! Prayers continued!

Surgery day. Doctor opened up Randy and surprise. More good veins than the angiogram showed. Successful quadruple bypass surgery! And more prayers.

Then off to ICU. Another wonderful staff experience! More prayers.

Then back to the cardiac floor with another wonderful staff experience! And your prayers continue.

Hospital release, then back to the cabin for 10 days before a re-check. New meds and sheets and sheets of instructions. We called the clinic with questions. And again, we experienced more wonderful staff. THANK YOU!

And, at the cabin? Food arrived. Friends arrived. Our son showed up.

An prayers continued. The 10 day checkup went well and we just arrived back to our home in Brandon.

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe in miracles? It took us to the right place and the right surgeon at the right time and now we have a second chance at life!

THANK YOU ALL for the love and prayers and support you have shown!

Randy & Bonnie Nelson





Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

AT BEAVER VALLEY LUTHERAN

Gather your loved ones, cozy up, and join us for a heartwarming Christmas Movie Night. Enjoy the magic of the season on a big screen, complete with festive treats and holiday cheer!

Beaver Valley Lutheran Church

Doors opne - 6:30PM
Movie starts - 7PM

PROCEEDS TO HELP BVLC YOUTH TRAVEL TO 2027 YOUTH GATHERING

SHOWING: HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (2000)

Youth News You Can Use

Hello Youth! It is so fun to write this article. As I begin, I want to say thank you again for the amazing lock-in on October 9th and 10th. I had a great time. I was not sure if I could still stay up all night, but you helped me prove to myself that I can still make it that long! I hope you had as much fun as a I did.

November is going to be a busy month for the youth. We have our Turkey BINGO on November 8th from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The Sunday school kids will sing on November 15th, and we will have our Youth Gathering Bible study that evening. We will continue to have Confirmation and youth classes. I would also like to personally invite you to our Thanksgiving Eve Eve worship service and Pie social!

When life in the parish gets busy like this, we can easily lose sight of what is most important to us. At times, the activities and the craziness seem like the most important things. This does not happen in church either. It also happens at home. We get so wrapped up in looking for ways to have fun and fill our calendars that we lose sight of what really matters.

What is the most important thing we have? What is the most important thing that we do? The most important thing we have as a family is our faith in God. It is this faith that brings us together in the first place. As I have said many times, God has put this particular group of people together at this particular time for a very specific purpose. He knew our personalities, gifts, and interests were going to match in such a way that great things were going to happen at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church during this season of the congregation's life.
Our most important activity is worshipping this God together. We are invited to give thanks to God for bringing us together and for the wonderful things he is doing right here right now. When we do so, we show the world our gratitude for our great and wonderful God and his generosity toward us.

We are invited to keep these things front and center at Beaver Valley and at home. Don't get me wrong. I love to laugh and celebrate as much as the rest of you. As we do so, we remember that we have brought together by God to give thanks to him together!

This month, I would encourage you to thank God for the youth of this church and the ways that God is showing us why we are together today. As we do so, we look forward to the future with hope!

Speaking of the future, it is important for us to start thinking about December! We will have Advent Suppers on Wednesdays at 5:30 on December 2nd, 9th and 16th. We will be doing soup and sandwich dinners again. I would like to have as many youth help with these dinners as possible. I will also be planning activities for us to take part in after these services, so we can look forward to Christmas together!

Have a great November!







Small Wonders
Pre-School
The kids are having a wonderful year, and they are so thankful for the beautiful weather and for being able to be outside so much.



ACOLYTE

NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE THERE, TRY FIRST TO SWITCH WITH SOMEONE OR FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU. IF THIS DOES NOT WORK AND YOU CANNOT BE THERE, CALL OR TEXT:
Pastor at 701-238-2322.
***Plan to be at church at least 15 minutes before the service time on the Sunday you are scheduled.**

PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY

DATE:	**ACOLYTE:**
October 4	Luke Fiscus
October 11	Cannon Halbersma
October 18	Mazie Petrik
October 25	Rensie Haak
November 1	Phoenix Gross **(Daylight Savings Reminder)**
November 8	Dashel Halbersma
November 15	Logan Schmidt
November 22	Lincoln Kiefer
November 29	Emmett Foster
December 6	Gabriel Ring
December 13	Jack Sittig
December 20	Corbin Hansel
December 24 **(Christmas)**	Acadian Gross **(early service 5:00 pm)**
December 24 **(Christmas)**	Kenny Muller **(late service 9:00 pm)**
December 27	Kellen Berg
January 3	Grace Prohl
January 10	Colton Vanden Hall
January 17	Tucker Kiefer
January 24	Makenna Yitagesu
January 31	Rensie Haak
February 7	Phoenix Gross
February 14	Dashel Halbersma
February 21	Logan Schmidt
February 28	Lincoln Kiefer
March 7	Emmett Foster
March 14	Gabriel Ring **(Daylight Savings Reminder)**

DATE:	**ACOLYTE:**
March 21	Jack Sittig
March 28 **(Easter)**	Corbin Hansel **(early service)**
March 28 (Easter)	Acadian Gross **(late service)**
April 4	Kenny Muller
April 11	Kellen Berg
April 18	Grace Prohl
April 25	Colton Vanden Hall
May 2	Tucker Kiefer
May 9	Makenna Yitagesu
May 16	Rensie Haak
May 23	Phoenix Gross
May 30	Dashel Halbersma
June 6	Logan Schmidt
June 13	Lincoln Kiefer
June 20	Emmett Foster
June 27	Gabriel Ring
July 4	Jack Sittig
July 11	Corbin Hansel
July 18	Acadian Gross
July 25	Kenny Muller
August 1	Kellen Berg
August 8	Grace Prohl
August 15	Colton Vanden Hall
August 22	Tucker Kiefer
August 29	Makenna Yitagesu
September 5	Phoenix Gross
September 12	Acadian Gross
September 19	Rensie Haak
September 26	Kenny Muller
October 3	Kellen Berg
October 10	Grace Prohl
October 17	Colton Vanden Hall
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God Squad











BVLC KIDS

November BVLC KIDS Calendar

Sunday, November 1st – First Communion – Solomon's Wisdom – 1 Kings 3:4-28
Sunday, November 8th – Elisha Heals Naaman – 2 Kings 5:1-15a
Sunday, November 15th – Mercy, Justice & Peace – Micha [1:3-5] 5:2-5a, 6:6-8
Sunday, November 22nd – God's Plan For Peace – Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20, 37:1-7, 2:1-4
Sunday, November 29th – NO BVLC KIDS

God Squad

November God Squad Calendar

Wednesday, November 4th – Solomon's Wisdom – 1 Kings 3:4-28
Wednesday, November 11th – Elisha Heals Naaman – 2 Kings 5:1-15a
Wednesday, November 18th – Mercy, Justice & Peace – Micha [1:3-5] 5:2-5a, 6:6-8
Tuesday, November 24th – **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.

CONFIRMATION



November Confirmation Schedule

November 4th, 2026 – History (Kings and Chronicles)
November 11th , 2026 – A**NO CONFIRMATION CLASS**
November 18th, 2026 – Life Isn't Always Easy (Job)
November 24th, 2026 – **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS** – Pie Social after the 6:15 worship service



Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmation Class Ayden Eagle, Luke Fiscus, Cannon Halbersma, Mazie Petrik

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

Darrin VanMeter	11/01	TJ Krietlow	11/12
Cole Swenson	11/02	Paul Maxwell	11/12
Caleb Schunk	11/02	Joel Flier	11/15
Alexa Kruse	11/04	Larry Johnson	11/16
Ann Beesley	11/05	Anita Schnabel	11/16
Aiden Cormack	11/05	Randy Carlson	11/18
Debra Moritz	11/05	Troy Prohl	11/18
Jenna Hauglid	11/07	Gingi Hanson	11/21
Tony Dreyer	11/08	Kirby Shroll	11/22
Briann Jacobson	11/09	William Thompson	11/22
Casey Kuhnert	11/09	Cory Beck	11/24
Robyn Tieszen	11/09	Julie Wright	11/24
Linda Dawley	11/10	Doug Anderson	11/25
Tyler Nelson	11/10	Ryan Wingate	11/25
Memphis Haeffner	11/10	Mike Swensin	11/26
Caden Vand Hull	11/10	Daryl Schubert	11/28
Austin Holz	11/11	Meron Yitagesu	11/28
Aden Letcher	11/11	Melissa Cormack	11/29



2026



	NOVEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 22	NOVEMBER 29
UPPER GREETERS:	Josh & Jennie Dede	Dale & Krista Hanson	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Kim Petterson Jeannelle Yitagesu	Rick Bonander Tammy Ford
LOWER GREETERS:	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas	Lanny & Sylvia Benson	Dan & Gingi Hanson	Judy Richards Sally Rosin	Bruce & Lynne Bonander
ACOLYTE:	Phoenix Gross	Dashel Halbersma	Logan Schmidt	Lincoln Kiefer	Emmett Foster
LECTORS:	Michael Gross	Susan Kruse	Kathy Reisenweber	Steve Ring	Janet Andersen
CHILDREN'S SERMON:	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk	Pastor Josh Schunk
USHERS:	Gross Family	Beth & Joel Flier	Ron & Jeanne Nelsen	Marvin Burkman Ann Beesley	Dan Feeken DeEtta Myers
COMMUNION SERVERS:	Harlan & Linda Gjoraas, Susan Kruse	NONE	Dan & Tricia Steen, Doris Phillips	NONE	NONE
COMMUNION PREPARERS:	Dan & Tricia Steen WHITE	NOV 4th: Julie Wright	Dan & Tricia Steen GREEN	NOV 18th: Julie Wright	NONE
COMMUNION BREAD:	Denis Andersen	NONE	Denis Andersen	NONE	NONE
MEDIA:	Corey Maunu	Dan Feeken	Lucas Maunu	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu
FLAGS	Gary Parker	Kelly Kruse	Joel Flier	Marcotte Family	Gary Parker
CHURCH BELLS:	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
OFFERING COUNTERS:	Kelly Wright Marvin Burkman	Dale Hanson Dan Feeken	Dave Schnabel Sara Rust	Kelly Wright Marvin Burkman	Dan Feeken Sara Rust

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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1) **9:30 am – All Saints Worship with Holy Communion – First Communion** **10:35 am – Coffee Hour** **10:35 am – BVLC Kids** **6:00 pm – All Saints Service**	**2)** **6:00 pm – Grief Class**	**3)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**4)** **6:15 pm -Worship with Holy Communion** **6:45 pm – God Squad, Confirmation Sr High Youth** **6:45 pm – Adult Choir**	**5)** **5:00 pm – The Fun Group** **6:00 pm – The Chosen Bible Study** **6:30 pm -Education Committee Meeting** **7:00 pm – Property Committee Meeting**	**6)**	**7)** **7:00 am – Men's Breakfast** 
8) **9:30 am - Worship** **10:35 am - Coffee Hour** **10:35 am – BVLC Kids** **4:00 pm – Turkey Bingo (Doors open at 3:30 pm)** 	**9)** **6:00 pm – Grief Class**	**10)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**11)** **6:15 pm -Worship** **6:45 pm – God Squad, Confirmation** **Sr High Youth** **6:45 pm – Adult Choir**	**12)** **6:00 pm – The Chosen Bible Study Concludes** **7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting** 	**13)**	**14)**
15) **9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion** **10:35 am - Coffee Hour** **10:35 am – BVLC KIDS** **10:35 am – WELCA Meeting – In the Sr High Youth Room**	**16)** **6:00 pm – Grief Class**	**17)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**18)** **5:30 pm – Music & Worship Committee Meeting** **6:15 pm -Worship with Holy Communion** **6:45 pm – God Squad, Confirmation Sr High Youth** **6:45 pm – Adult Choir**	**19)**	**20)**	**21)**
22) **9:30 am – Worship with** **10:35 am - Coffee Hour** **10:35 am – BVLC KIDS**	**23)** **6:00 pm – Grief Class**	**24)** **6:15 pm – Worship** **We will be having a Pie Social after worship – Bring your favorite pie to share**	**25)** **Offices Closed**	**26)**  **Offices Closed**	**27)** **Offices Closed**	**28)** **9:00 am - Decorating for Advent** 
29) **9:30 am - Worship** **10:35 am - Coffee Hour** **10:35 am – NO BVLC KIDS**	**30)**					

		**1)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**2)** **5:30 pm – Advent Dinner** **6:15 pm - Worship with Holy Communion** **6:45 pm – God Squad, Confirmation Sr High Youth** **6:45 pm – Adult Choir**	**3)** **5:30 pm - Education Committee Meeting** **6:00 pm – The Chosen Season 6 Watch Party, Episode 1**	**4)**	**5)** **7:00 am – Men's Breakfast** 
6) **9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion** **10:35 am – Coffee Hour** **10:35 am – BVLC Kids** **Winter Wonderland Event - More details to come**	**7)**	**8)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**9)** **5:30 pm – Advent Dinner** **6:15 pm - Worship** **6:45 pm – God Squad, Confirmation Sr High Youth** **6:45 pm – Adult Choir**	**10)** **6:00 pm – The Chosen Season 6 Watch Party, Episode 2** **7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting** 	**11)** **7:00 pm - Community Holiday Movie Night – How The Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)** **Doors will open at 6:30 pm**	**12)**
13) **9:30 am – Worship with Children's Christmas Program** **10:35 am - Coffee Hour**	**14)**	**15)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**16)** **5:00 pm – Music & Worship Committee Meeting** **5:30 pm – Advent Dinner** **6:15 pm - Worship** **6:45 pm – God Squad, Confirmation Sr High Youth** **6:45 pm – Adult Choir**	**17)** **6:00 pm – The Chosen Season 6 Watch Party, Episode 3**	**18)**	**19)**
20) **9:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion** **9:30 am – Christmas Cantata** **10:35 am – BVLC KIDS** **10:35 am – WELCA Meeting – In the Choir Room**	**21)**	**22)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**23)**	**24)** **5:00 pm – Candlelight Service** **6:30 pm – Appetizer Social** **9:00 pm – Candlelight Service** **Christmas Eve**	**25)**  **Offices Closed**	**26)**
27) **9:30 am – Lesson in Carols** **10:35 am - Coffee Hour**	**28)**	**29)** **6:30 pm – The Bible Study**	**30)** **6:15 pm - Worship**	**31)**  **Offices Closed**		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.