



# 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

December 2024



## DECEMBER NEWS

**Guest Pastor (Bishop Andrea DeGroot Nesdahl)** – Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship** – Sundays in December, 9:30 a.m.

**BVLC Kids** – Sundays in December, 10:35 a.m.

**Indoor Chapel Worship** – Wednesdays in December, 6:15 p.m.

**Wednesday BVLC Kids & God Squad** – Wednesdays in December, 7:00 p.m.

**Confirmation & Sr. High Youth** – Wednesdays in December, 7:00 p.m.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** – Wednesdays in December, 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Cantata** – Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

**Church Council Meeting** – Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

**Children's Christmas Program** – Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

**Women's Meeting** – Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**Music & Worship Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Services** – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 & 8:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day** – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, ALL DAY

**Offices Closed for Christmas** – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Presenters (Lay Leaders from our congregation)** – Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

# December Highlights



**December 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran – First Sunday of Advent – Guest Pastor, Bishop Andrea DeGroot Nesdahl**



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

Coffee Hour

**Sundays, 10:35 a.m. – BVLC Kids – None on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>**



**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – Grief Group**

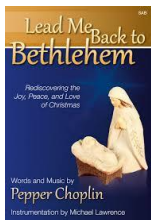
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. – Indoor Chapel Service with Holy Communion**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir**



**December 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – BVLC Kids & God Squad – Christmas Program Practice**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation & Sr High Youth**



**December 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran with Christmas Cantata**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. - BVLC Kids & God Squad – Christmas Program Practice**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. – Indoor Chapel Service**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Adult Choir**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – BVLC Kids & God Squad – Christmas Program Practice**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation & Sr High Youth**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting**

*The council will stay focused upon the transition into our full interim ministry posture. Continued prayers for all leaders who help us “face forward” into what is next for our congregation.*



**December 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Christmas Program Practice**



# December Highlights

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran with Children’s Christmas Program**



**December 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 4:00 p.m. – Worship at Bethany Meadows with Pastor John**



**December 16<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Women’s Meeting**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. – Music & Worship Committee Meeting**



**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. – Indoor Chapel Service with Holy Communion**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Confirmation Christmas Party**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – NO Adult Choir**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – NO BVLC Kids**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – NO God Squad**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – NO Sr High Youth**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. – Christmas Candlelight Service with Holy Communion**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, All Day – Christ is Born!! – Merry Christmas**

*Everyone at Beaver Valley Lutheran wishes you a Happy and Safe Holiday. No worship services this evening.*

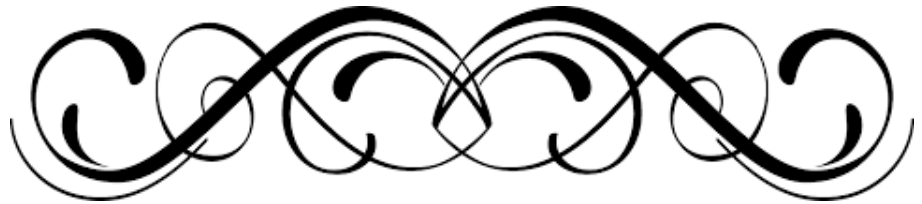
**December 25<sup>th</sup> – December 27<sup>th</sup> - Church Offices Closed for Christmas**

**December 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran with Guest Lay Leaders from our congregation**

**December 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Wear a Christmas Sweater and bring a plate of treats to share during our Coffee Hour. Coffee and Hot Apple Cider will be served**

**December 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:35 a.m. – God Squad Pizza Party**

**December 31, Tuesday – Happy New Year’s Eve – Offices will be open**



## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

***“All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means, ‘God is with us’.” Matthew 1: 22-23***

“God is with us.” What a comforting phrase. To know that we do not worship a distant and aloof God, but one who is present with us in a very real sense, is very comforting indeed.

When we are experiencing joy in our lives, God is with us. When we are experiencing challenges in our lives, God is right there with us. When we face tragedy, God is with us. When we experience success, God is with us. At all times and in all places, God is with us.

That is what comes through loud and clear as we celebrate Advent and Christmas. God comes to be with us. In the birth of Jesus, the eternal and all-powerful God has entered into our daily lives. God has taken upon himself our very reality, including our human frailty, our joys and frustrations, our ups and our downs.

God is with us in our families. In our friendships. In our communities.  
God is with us in our homes. In our places of work. In our times of leisure.  
God is with us in our youth. In our middle age. In our senior years.

God is with us! What a blessed thought. What a reason to celebrate the birth of God’s real presence in our world at Christmas.

May God’s presence bring you true joy and peace this Christmas.

See you in worship! (Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm)

*Pastor John*





## Update from our Church Treasurer

I hope all of you are doing well and looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. It has been a while since I directly updated you on the church finances. Fall came quickly with many things to do. I wanted to touch base on a few topics we discussed during our November council meeting and give you an outlook on next year.

What a blessing it is to be back in our newly remodeled fellowship hall, to see kids back in their gathering spots, and to get back to a bit of normalcy in our congregation.

I will bullet the topics for each of you, I tend not to be great at words because I focus more on the numbers, but I will do my best. I am always available if you have questions or need further clarification.

- 1) Offering through October – Has increased by 3% (THIS IS GOOD)
  - a. Thank you for all of you and your generous offering and support throughout the year!
- 2) Expenses through October – Increase of 12.5% (Not so good)
  - a. A few factors have caused this, but the largest is the additional insurance premiums of around \$10,000 annually.
- 3) Operating Loss through October – **(\$32,000)** (Not good)
  - a. This is not great, but we are in the same boat as last year. November and December are our two largest months of giving so we will be able to eat into that deficit before the end of the year.
- 4) Insurance Coverage – Cincinnati will terminate our coverage effective December 1<sup>st</sup> (interesting to say the least)
  - a. Why might you ask? Cincinnati Insurance made a business decision in the fall of 2022 (yes shortly after the tornado hit us) to STOP insuring churches everywhere. Our insurance representative Steve Tripp went to bat for us and convinced them to keep us until after the claim was completely finalized. This was around September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Shortly after that date, we received a letter from Cincinnati canceling our coverage effective renewal date of December 1, 2024.
    - i. On a side note, if you know Steve Tripp, you should send him a thank you or shake his hand the next time you see him. This could have potentially been a lot worse if he had not stood up for us.
  - b. With my business insurance knowledge, I offered to the council to take the lead on finding new coverage for the church. They approved of me moving forward. I contacted 3 (listed below) different insurance agencies. These agents have a network of companies they can go out to, and they all worked together to try and find us a carrier. Unfortunately, the market for church insurance is BAD, REALLY BAD! Insurance companies have decided not to carry churches because of the large losses that they can ultimately see. Steve was able to secure an offer from Acuity Insurance.

Steve Tripp – North Risk Partners

Jay Prouty – North Central Insurance

Van Carmody – Boen & Associates

- i. The initial proposal was a 5% annual increase from our prior year. Steve joined us at the November council meeting to discuss options that might be helpful to reduce the deductible. He also explained the major changes in the new plan.
- ii. Changes to the plan
  1. Insurance Deductible offered was \$5000/5% Wind/Hail.....what does that mean? Our previous plan had a deductible of 1%, so with this new policy, our deductible would have been just shy of \$70,000. With the new plan, our deductible will be closer to \$370,000 if a wind/hail occurrence were to happen (yes, the tornado would be considered that sort of event). This is not

great.....but at least we are insured.

2. Some decisions were made to reduce the insurance payment to keep it steady and lower a little bit:
  - a. Raising the Deductible from \$5000 to \$25,000 – saved us about \$4,000 annually
  - b. Removing the Outdoor Pavilion from coverage (Replacement Value \$55,000) – saved us annually \$5800
- iii. These two changes will eliminate the 5% increase and reduce our annual payment by \$3,000 next year.

#### 5) Tornado Cash/Debt/Pledges

- a. The insurance claim was closed in early September. At this time, they provided us with the final check. The final payment was made to Gil Haugen in October with council approval. Cincinnati was generous and fair in this entire process; the church was not shorted anything. The executive team was very thankful for all their support during this process.
- b. Debt at the end of October: \$190,000 in certificates issued last November and January. During our November council meeting, we discussed how much of this we should pay off. We still need to keep enough money in our account to replace items in the church from the insurance claim.
  - i. The council approved to pay back \$120,000 of the debt. I will contact individuals next week, and checks will be printed for the November 30<sup>th</sup> payment. A portion of certificates will remain out there.
  - ii. \$70,000 of pledges made are remaining.  $\$190,000 - \$70,000 = \$120,000$ .
  - iii. The council agreed that we will continue to monitor this through mid-year next year and pay it down as pledges come in.

As always if you have any questions feel free to give me a call at 507-329-3648, I am happy to visit and answer any of the questions you might have. This has been a crazy 2 ½ years! I am sure, like the rest of you, I would appreciate it being just a little boring for a while. Please know that the council and I are trying to make the best decisions that put our church in the best possible position. I am truly thankful for each of you and that my family is a part of this wonderful group of people!

*“There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.” — Vincent Van Gogh*

God Bless

Darcie Johnson

BVLC Treasurer



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)*


*Beaver Valley  
Lutheran Church  
Christmas  
Cantata*

- Naration 1/Come, Emmanuel!
- Naration 2
- Fear Not, the Lord Is with You
- Naration 3
- Lead Me Back to Bethlehem
- Naration 4
- Come Down to Bethlehem
- Naration 5
- Treasurers of the Heart
- Naration 6
- Frankincense, Myrrh, and Gold
- Naration 7
- You Are Lord
- Naration 8
- Angels We Have Heard on High!

SAB

*Lead Me Back to  
Bethlehem*

*Rediscovering the  
Joy, Peace, and Love  
of Christmas*



Words and Music by  
**Pepper Choplin**

Instrumentation by Michael Lawrence

*December 8th, 2024  
9:30 A.M.*



CHRISTMAS EVE  
*Candlelight*  
SERVICES

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 AT 04:00PM

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 AT 08:00PM

AT BEAVER VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Experience an evening filled with beautiful carols, inspiring messages, and the gentle glow of candlelight that symbolizes peace and hope.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 605-582-3504

But the angel said to them,  
"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news  
that will cause great joy for all the people."

**Luke 2:10**





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. 15th. 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 2024. Ornaments from past years

will also be under the tree, so you may take the new one for 2024, 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)

# BVLC KIDS & GOD SQUAD

## BVLC KIDS

In December our focus will be the Christmas Program on December 15th. We will have a family day after our program practice on December 14th. We will put out a sign-up genius to sign up for the event. The kids will also be doing a service project to help Church on the Street using the money from their offering bucket. Wishing our BVLC KIDS and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## GOD SQUAD

During December the God Squad will participate in the Christmas Program on December 15th. Jack, Avery, and Corbin all have speaking parts! They will also have a Pizza Party on December 29th to celebrate the new year!



### Important Dates to put on your Calendars:

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - No BVLC KIDS

### Sunday School Christmas Program

#### Practice dates:

**Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Program Practice - Brittany

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Program Practice - Brittany

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Program Practice - Brittany

ALL KIDS

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 9:30**

Christmas Program Run through for ALL KIDS

FAMILY DAY

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> - GOD SQUAD Pizza Party**

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Children's Christmas Program during Worship**



# PRE SCHOOL

In November the preschoolers had the best time meeting the fire fighters! Thank you to the Split Rock Volunteer Fire Department for coming to visit! In December our themes will be 5 senses and fairy tales. We will also be doing a service project for the Ronald McDonald House. The preschoolers will be busy at the beginning of December practicing songs to join our BVLC KIDS for the Christmas Program. The last preschool day of 2024 will be December 18th.



# Confirmation

## Confirmation December Schedule

December 4, 2024 – Lesson 8:

“You Shall not Make Wrongful  
Use of the name of the Lord ”

December 11, 2024 – Lesson 9

“ Remember the Sabbath”

December 18, 2024 –

Christmas Party

December 25, 2024 – NO CLASS

– Christmas Break



## **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.

## **Sr High Youth**

We are looking for an individual or individuals who are willing to help lead the youth. They are young and need some guidance through their service projects and events every week, helping to keep them on task. Our initial thoughts are a group of parents that could take one week per month and work together for a common goal.

If you are interested in being a part of that group, please email Jacqui in the office at [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.







# BVLC KIDS Family Day!

Join us to decorate a  
Christmas Cookie plate for  
Santa and create a Christmas  
ornament.

Snacks will be provided.



December 14th, following Christmas  
Program Practice

# Holiday GIFT WRAPPING

Let our expert wrappers, ie: Our Youth Group, add a touch of magic with beautiful bows, festive paper, and creative flair, making your presents the talk of the holiday season. This is a Free Will Offering, with the proceeds going to Church On the Street. Church On the Street is a mission project our youth are passionate about.



Sunday,  
December  
15th, 2024



10:35 a.m.  
during Coffee  
Time in the  
Fellowship Hall

BVLC Youth Group





BEAVER VALLEY  
LUTHERAN SR HIGH  
YOUTH GROUP

Christmas  
ANGEL TREE

IF YOUR FAMILY IS IN NEED  
OF SOME ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDING A GIFT TO YOUR  
CHILDREN THIS HOLIDAY  
SEASON, PLEASE LET US  
KNOW THE AGE OF THE  
CHILD, GENDER, AND A GIFT  
IDEA IN THE \$20 RANGE. WE  
WILL BE TAKING REQUESTS  
UNTIL DECEMBER 8TH AT  
12:00 PM. GIFT PICK UP  
WILL BE ON DECEMBER 21ST  
AND 22ND AT BEAVER  
VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

RSVP TO:

[office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org)

OR CALL

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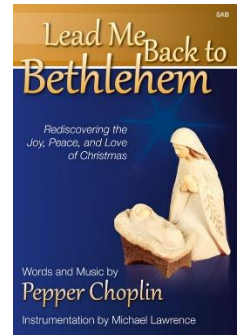
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## EVENTS

### Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata, Lead Me Back to Bethlehem, will be performed on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our Worship Service.



### Women's Retreat

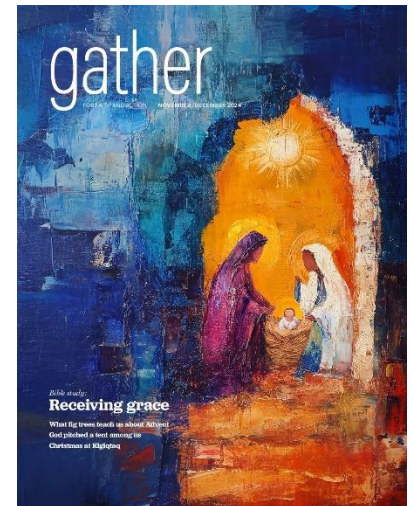


Will be held at Joy Ranch, northwest of Watertown the weekend of January 10-12. A \$50. Deposit will hold your spot. Every woman and friends of the congregation are welcome to attend. It is a fun weekend of fellowship, visiting, games, cards, knitting, reading, whatever they want to do. Some shopping and fun eats!!! A check made out to Joy Ranch can be given to myself and I will add your name to the list!!! We encourage everyone to join us!!! If anyone has questions, please contact Twyla Voldseth at 605-595-4772

### WELCA Updates

The WELCA meeting day and time will be changing from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:35 am. We will be meeting in the Choir Room during Coffee Hour. With the winter months now upon us, it gets dark so much earlier. We are hoping that moving the meeting time to Sundays after worship will help people stay safe out on the roads.

WELCA is ordering the "Gather" magazine for every lady in membership, starting in January. If you do not receive the January magazine, please let Jacqui know. She will pass that info along to the WELCA chair lead so your name can be added to the subscription. WELCA will be starting a bible study from it that month.



### PRAYER GARDEN UPDATE

Thanks to all who stayed for the November 24th coffee hour presentation about the Prayer Garden. We appreciate your interest and enthusiasm for this project!

For anyone who was not able to attend that day, there will be committee members at a table on the north end during coffee hour every Sunday in December. We would welcome the opportunity to tell you about the Prayer Garden project, to show you the landscape rendering, and to answer any questions. So grab a treat and a cup of coffee and join us!

Just a note: We also have a card available that can be used to give a gift to the Prayer Garden in honor of, or in memory of someone for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Those will also be available during coffee times in December or can be picked up from Jacqui at the church office.



# *Feed My Sheep and Follow Me.* **Food Shepherds Will Deliver!**

Do you know of a person in need of a meal and a warm and caring smile? Or perhaps even just a bit of encouragement and a short visit?

The Food Shepherds are back in business after a long hiatus during COVID-19 and from the kitchen rebuild after tornado damage. This small group ministry was formed over a decade ago, but continues today with their mission to abide by Jesus' commandment from John 21: 15-19 to: *"Feed My Sheep and Follow Me!"*

Food Shepherds prepare and deliver meals to those who need care in our congregation and the surrounding community: families with new babies, those who are hospitalized, are suffering from an illness, grieving the loss of a family member or shut-in with special needs.



*Food Shepherds*

Feed my sheep...and follow me!

~ John 21:15-19

**Would you like to join and help with the Food Shepherds ministry?**

Contact: Janet Andersen  
e-mail: [funkegirl@gmail.com](mailto:funkegirl@gmail.com)  
phone: 605.351.5511

**Do you know someone who could use a Food Shepherds meal?**

Contact: Ardell Johnson  
e-mail: [princessann@alliancecom.net](mailto:princessann@alliancecom.net)  
phone: 605.757. 6273

## *What is a Food Shepherd?*

Food Shepherds plan and prepare food that is delivered to those who need care in our congregation and the surrounding community: families with new babies, those who are hospitalized, suffering from illness, grieving the loss of a family member, or shut-in.

### **There are several ways to volunteer for this small group ministry:**

- Do you like to cook?***  
Join us about once a month to help prepare and freeze meals.
- Don't like to cook but like to visit?***  
Volunteer to be on the delivery crew!
- Are you in the know?***  
Help keep the Food Shepherds informed of those who need a meal delivered.
- Still want to help?***  
Donations of money to defray food costs and storage trays are welcomed!



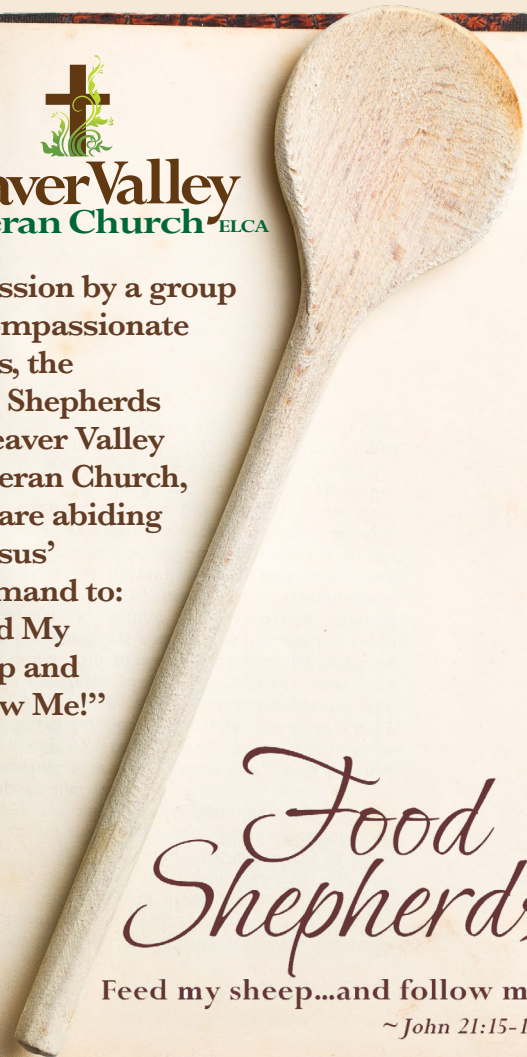
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A mission by a group of compassionate cooks, the Food Shepherds of Beaver Valley Lutheran Church, who are abiding by Jesus' command to: "Feed My Sheep and Follow Me!"

*Food Shepherds*

Feed my sheep...and follow me!

~ John 21:15-19



## BEAVER VALLEY AND BETHANY HOME:

# A Partnership in Social Ministry

by Denis Andersen, Bethany Home Foundation President

“The best time to raise the quality of life for our seniors citizens is before you become one.”

This is one of my favorite quotes about aging and social ministry.

My interest in Bethany Home began many years ago. As a child, we visited my great aunt, Daisy Larson, who lived at Bethany Nursing Home in Sioux Falls. Years later, my aunt and uncle, Helen and Mervin Andersen, chose Bethany Home in Brandon to live in their final years. They are among many relatives and friends that I have known over the years and, today, there are now members of our congregation who call Bethany “home.”

But my involvement reached a new level in 2013 after accepting a leadership role at Bethany Home.

## A Founding Member

Bethany Home’s story began before I was even born. In 1950, a group of LCA churches—including Beaver Valley Lutheran—founded Bethany Lutheran Home for the Aged, Inc. Their objective was to establish a home where individuals could receive nursing care in a wholesome, caring Christian environment.

Today, we continue that mission with five other owner churches: Augustana Lutheran and St. Mark’s Lutheran, Sioux Falls; Benton Lutheran, Crooks; Nathanael Lutheran, Alcester, and Beaver Valley Lutheran.

As an owner church, Beaver Valley has the unique opportunity to shape Bethany’s future, and we already have a seat at the table. Members of our congregation serve on the Bethany Association, and two are elected at large to sit on the main board, along with our Pastor.

## Interested in Volunteering?

You can volunteer to help with parties, as a bingo caller, and other activities such as special music. Beaver Valley’s pastor leads the 4:00 p.m. worship service at Bethany once a month, and there are opportunities to assist or provide special music.

Do you have a special interest in teaching or sharing one of your hobbies?

After her retirement, Mary Lee taught water color painting to our Bethany community residents.

*“The best time to raise the quality of life for our seniors citizens is before you become one.”*

Pre-Covid, Beaver Valley also hosted a “buddies” program which paired a Beaver Valley member with a resident to visit once a week on a schedule.

If you’re interested in a volunteering, contact Melissa at 605-582-5200, or call me for more information.

## Your Donations Help

Your donations to Bethany Foundation help improve life quality for seniors.

The Tovertafel or “Magic Table” is just one of many exciting examples of what your financial gift is used for. Read the story on the next 2 pages: “Today’s Different”—memory care residents who used this life-changing table.

## Shelter of the Lord Campaign

At Bethany Home in Sioux Falls, we are finishing up the new canopy entrance that extends over the driveway (pictured below).



Donations are still needed for the “Shelter of the Lord” campaign. Please consider Bethany Home in your holiday giving. Thank you.



# “Today’s different:” Magic table brings new life to Bethany’s memory care unit

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By: Jill Meier, Journal editor



Jill Meier/BV Journal

Bethany Meadows memory care unit residents, Janet Sunde and Margie Martens sweep leaves off of the table projected by the Tovertafel. Interacting with the m are Lexi Langenhorst, lead memory care specialist, and Dan, a CNA.

Jim Erickson’s heart swelled multiple times its size as a resident at Bethany Meadows shared with him last week, “Today’s different.”

It was only two words. But those two words packed a powerful punch. For the first time in a very long time, the woman’s day truly was “different.”

In a good way.

The positive difference in her day came courtesy of the tenacious effort of Garden Home resident Jean Haug, Bethany Lutheran Foundation Director Jim Erickson and the Bethany Home Foundation Board of Directors.

The “difference” they collectively embraced was the purchase of a Tovertafel or “magic table.”

“When I first fired this thing up on Tuesday morning, Elaine showed up and she played it pretty much all day,” Erickson shared. “I came back in at 3:30 in the afternoon and we were sitting at this table and she said, ‘Today’s different.’”

Erickson asked her to expound.

The woman’s response warmed his heart.

“It wasn’t so boring,” she told him.

“It just really touched my heart. There was activity,” he said, taking place in an unlikely unit at Bethany Meadows, the memory care unit. “When I first hooked this up, there were five women sitting at one of these tables not saying anything to each other, just kind of staring, and within 30 minutes, they were around the table, laughing and smiling and interacting more than they ever have. That was just a wonderful immediate reaction that we got from it.”

So, just what is the Tovertafel?

It is a games console designed for use in healthcare settings that was launched in 2015 by the Dutch medical technologies company, Active Cues. The console contains a high-quality projector, infrared sensors, a loudspeaker and a processor that allows interactive games to be projected onto a table top or the floor. Coined the “magic table”, it promotes joyful social connections for seniors living with dementia through its wide range of interactive games. Developed with seniors and care professionals in mind, the games are designed to suit different stages of dementia and times of the day, such as family visits and sundowning.

The table features five levels of interactive, electronic games. This figure has to do with the level of anticipated cognitive activity. Level one games, for example, are intended for observation only. Level two games allow players to not only observe but also holds their attention.

For level three, these games work toward a particular goal and require players to memorize things.

In level four, it’s possible to make ‘mistakes’ while playing these games. The aim is to make the players think and reason, as their choices impact if they reach their final goal.

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And level five games focus on the part of the brain that controls executive functions, such as planning and decision-making. These games are noted to be too challenging for people in the middle and late stages of dementia.

The Tovertafel can be projected on tables or on the floor.

“You can do soccer and kick it or put it on the table. It projects it down and it’s infrared sensors allows your hand to activate it. You can play Whack a Mole, you can brush leaves, you can play music,” Haug explains. “It engages them and it gives you a window to them when there’s no other communication possible. It’s like a communication of joy. When you’ve got a group where you know they’re engaged and they’re sitting at a table, if there are those that need additional help, ones that you know aren’t involved in it, it gives them an opportunity.”

For health reasons, Haug and her husband, Mike, relocated to a Garden Home on Bethany’s Brandon campus about a year and a half ago from their lake home at Lake Poinsett. She learned about the Tovertafel while reading the small-town newspaper from where they had previously resided.

“There was an article in it where someone had donated one of these to Harmony Hill up in Watertown. The article talked about how it helped people who couldn’t communicate anymore, and how they could work in groups and it brought people out of their shell, and families could interact with it,” shares Jean, whose husband has dementia.

She next did her due diligence by researching the Tovertafel and then contacted the “magic table’s U.S. distributor to obtain a price quote.

“Then I started talking to these guys (Bethany administration) and said, ‘We’re going to do this,’ and they said, ‘Let’s do it.’ They were totally receptive,” she said.

But Haug took her involvement a step further. She began raising the needed funds for the \$12,500 table, and she went back to the connections she made as a manager at Premier Bank Card’s Watertown location.

“I reached out to some connections that I had where, you know, corporations that had matching gifts and things like that, individual gifts, and so I raised a portion of it. Then the foundation said, ‘We’re going to do this,’” she said. “It’s not something that I haven’t done before.”

Before retiring, Haug served on the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board, assisted with the Ronald McDonald House charity, and helped start the soda tab program in Watertown in the schools to benefit Camp Chance, which is a camp at Joy Ranch for underprivileged youth, and helped with Special Olympics swimming.

“Premier instills that in their employees,” she said. “You can retire from work, but you can never retire from caring.”

### **An easy sell to the Foundation**

Erickson said after Haug presented the idea, the Bethany Lutheran Foundation Board of Directors were immediately sold on the benefits Tovertafel would bring to their residents.

“They’re all very proactive human beings that just want to see what good we can do for the residents today is their priority,” he said. “We can save money, we can invest money, but what can we do today to make the lives of the residents – the people who live here – better. When I started telling them about the Tovertafel and they saw videos, they said, ‘Let’s just get one.’ That’s been the complete attitude of our Foundation Board.”

Erickson said the plan is to bring more Tovertafel’s to Bethany Home in Brandon and Sioux Falls.

“We have another skilled nursing dementia unit on the Home side that we want to get one for, and I also want one for our common areas for our other residents that they can sit around instead of playing Bridge,” he said. “It’s just something that when families come and little kids come, they can play with their great-grandparents without sitting in a room with a TV on that’s blaring and no one’s talking. This is just an absolute blessing to us and a blessing to the residents.”

Haug witnessed how the Tovertafel did just that.

“Yesterday, we were here, and two little girls were trick-or-treating, and they came in with their little princess outfits on, and they put on this game called Smash the Bug. These little girls were beating those bugs and the ladies sitting at the table, you could just see they were excited and there was a connection. Instead of a little kid standing there looking at them, they were, they were building a relationship,” she said.

To Erickson’s knowledge, the Tovertafel in the memory care unit at Bethany Meadows is only the third of its kind in South Dakota. Watertown and a Good Samaritan Society location in Sioux Falls also have one.

“Nationwide, this has just taken off,” he said. “It’s just very simple things that can be done, but you don’t have to overthink it, and there’s physical action, there’s mental action, and you saw the smiles today.”

### **She’s not done yet**

Haug is elated to now call her Garden Home in Brandon “home.”

“I think Bethany is one of Brandon’s best blessings,” she said. “I remember when my dad was in the home, and we’d bring the grandkids, and they would just sit there. There was no interaction, no nothing that they could do to communicate in a non-verbal way. I think this will just be such a blessing to be able to connect that way. Because when you lose the ability to communicate, even if it’s in a game, you feel connected when you’re doing the same thing.”

Haug said she’s not done yet seeking out new opportunities for all who reside on the Bethany campus.

“There’s a couple other things I’m looking at, too. I’m not done. They’re so open and receptive to it. They’re just such a blessing,” she said. “God bless Bethany for taking the step to do this because, they’re such good people to take care of.”

### **It takes a village**

Erickson said the idea of bringing Tovertafel to Bethany’s Brandon campus was made possible “because of the community of Bethany.”

“We had a garden home resident who instigated all of this, which probably isn’t the right word, but she did. Those kinds of ideas, having an engaged community here at Bethany, and within Brandon and Falls, are the kind of ideas that we want. We want to understand that there are better ways to improve the lives of these folks,” Erickson said.

Adds Haug, “Bethany is so receptive to any type of innovative, state-of-the-art technology. They take such good care of the people here physically. They’re so committed to them, to helping them emotionally and mentally and spiritually.”



## CHURCH COUNCIL

November 14, 2024

**Attendees:** Dan Feeken (1<sup>st</sup> Term 2027)                      Brittany Gerovac (2<sup>nd</sup> Term-2027)  
Jason Haak (1<sup>st</sup> Term 2027)                                      David Vanden Hull (2<sup>nd</sup> Term – 2027)

Ann Beesley (1<sup>st</sup> Term 2026)                                      Alan Schmidt (1<sup>st</sup> Term – 2026)  
Scott Hansel (1<sup>st</sup> Term 2026)                                      Kelly Wright (1<sup>st</sup> Term – 2026)

Shelly Berg (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2025)                                      Mary Lee (1<sup>st</sup> Term-2025)  
Rick Bonander (2<sup>nd</sup> Term-2025)                                      David Schnabel (2<sup>nd</sup> Term–2025)

Darcie Johnson (Treasurer)

**Call to Order:** Dave Vanden Hull

**Devotions and Treats:** Dave Schnabel

**Absent:** Dan Feeken, Scott Hansel & Shelly Berg

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:**

**MMSC: Motion to approve the October Treasurers report and pay down all but \$70,000.00 of re-build debt made by Alan Schmidt and seconded by Kelly Wright. Motion Passed.**

**Motion carried. The Treasurer’s Report is available for viewing in the Church Office.**

**Business:**

- **Personnel Committee:**  
MMSC: Motion made by Rick Bonander to have Kari’s remaining duties moved over to Jacqui by January 31, 2025, second by Kelly Wright. Motion passed.
- **Faith Community Nursing Program:**  
MMSC: Motion made by Dave Schnabel re-new the Professional Liability Insurance of \$420.00 NSO/CNA insurance to continue support for the Faith Community Nursing Program at BVLC second by Jason Haak. Motion passed.
- **Facility Use & Wedding Handbook**  
MMSC: Motion made by Ann Beesley to approve the changes to the revised facility use policy and wedding Handbook second Mary Lee. Motion passed.
- **North Risk Partners/Acuity Insurance presentation by Steve Tripp**  
MMSC: Motion made by Brittany Gerovac to accept commercial insurance proposal with a \$25,000.00 deductible and loss coverage on the Pavilion of \$20,000.00 second by Kelly Wright. Motion passed.
- **Video Conference equipment**  
MMSC: Motion made by Jason Haak to purchase microphones, camera, docking station and miscellaneous cables at a cost of \$2,800.00 with this money coming from the office insurance fund second by Kelly Wright. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Call Committee:** Council Assignment, Scott Rust

The call committee has received interest from three pastors who are interested in the BVLC call. The committee is currently reviewing each pastor’s profile and is conducting interviews.

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**Cemetery Committee:** Council Assignment, Kelly Wright

Nothing to report.

**Church in Society:** Council Assignment, Shelly Berg-No report

**Education and Youth Ministry:** Council Assignment, Brittany Gerovac

We are currently prepping for the Christmas Program that will be held on Sunday December 15th. The God Squad will be working on anti-slip bottles for the congregation to take and keep in their cars. Thank you Sue for the idea and the supplies. We will be handing out Bibles to kids on November 17th and 20th. Our youth fundraiser will be held on Sunday February 9th. Details to come.

**Evangelism and Outreach:** Council Assignment, Mary Lee

ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY

I spoke with Jarrod (our web coder/developer) last week and he is making good progress on the new BVLC Member Directory that will be added to the existing church website (password protected, log-in by members only). This will replace the app that we have been using. He plans to have something for me to review in December. The money to cover this is in the special fund for Evangelism (line-item fund).

FOOD SHEPHERDS

I was asked to provide a "loss report" for all the Food Shepherds' materials that were lost or damaged by the tornado (attached). I assume the full amount was paid since this is the document they submitted to the insurance company. However, no one has gotten back to me to confirm the amount. I would like to begin ordering replacement foil pans, food stuffs, kitchen staples (sugar, flour, etc. that we use in baking), saran wrap and foil. I will also be reprinting the labels and brochures that get inserted in the pans. I plan to invite everyone who has responded to the bulletin request to join Food Shepherds and plan a cooking event on an upcoming Saturday—soon! For your reference, Food Shepherds was started 11 years ago with seed money when I wrote a grant to Thrivent. That money (\$1,000) lasted for 3 years and since then we have had a small budget line item of \$350–\$500 annually. Technically the Food Shepherds group falls under Evangelism but has always operated independently with a group of volunteers who signed up because they enjoy the fellowship of cooking together and helping others. It's open to all to be part of this mission.

**Media:** Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull

We have been looking at options for the conference room TV and video conferencing capabilities. We want to present some options to the council to receive budget approval up to a specified dollar amount. We have also been exploring options for our "announcement board" TV that is in the main hallway and what options are available to run it remotely without having to have a dedicated PC to update content. We are also looking at solutions that would allow us to manage multiple TV's running this message board throughout the building (upstairs landing, main hallway, and fellowship hall)

**Personnel:** Council Assignment, David Vanden Hull, Rick Bonander

Propose move to thank Kari for her work with BVLC, set up a schedule to move Kari's remaining duties to Jacqui. Exit date would be December 31st, 2024.

**Property:** Council Assignment, David Schnabel, Alan Schmidt & Scott Hansel

New coat racks have been ordered, and should be delivered this Thursday, 11-14-24. The broken window in the pastor's office was replaced on November 12, 2024, by Viking Glass. Susan Kruse and Anita Schnabel are working on finding and ordering a new microwave to fit in the cabinet to the left of the stoves. Intek has removed the outstanding bill for cleaning of the sanctuary. There is no bill from Intek.

**Stewardship:** Council Assignment, Rick Bonander, Kelly Kruse

November 1st letter, time/talent sheets and pledge cards were sent to 165 families of Beaver Valley. A Letter was placed in the tidings. Same letter each family received. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Steen had a temple talk-sharing of time and talent. On November 10<sup>th</sup> Kelly Kruse did a temple talk-sharing of treasure. On November 17<sup>th</sup> Rick Bonander will do a temple talk-wrapping up both talks. On November 24<sup>th</sup> we will open the time/talent sheets and pledge cards and present them to Darcie.

**Worship & Music:** Council Assignment, (open)-No report

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

We last met before the open house. The committee worked on setting up the Display area for the open house and moved several boxes and items to the designated storage area beside the Pastors Study.

**Beaver Valley Churchmen:** Council Assignment, (open) – No report

**Beaver Valley Women:** Council Assignment, Ann Beesley

We will be sending Gather Magazine to 125 members starting in January.

**Faith Community Nursing Program:** Sue Johannsen

A blood pressure and blood sugar screening was done after worship on September the 8th. Participation was good with 2 referrals made at the time. Jeannie Nelson and Susan Kruse assisted in the event. Balance class concluded on October 22 after 8 total sessions. The class was attended by an average of 6 participants. The class was well received. A repeat class will be offered in the first part of 2025. Additional class offering may include SAIL (stay active and independent for life). I provided the congregation with education on Alzheimer's disease. The presentation was done on September the 16th. 25 members attended. Good response to the presentation. Additional screening for b/p and blood sugar will be repeated after the first of the year. I will be seeking suggestions for education in the next few weeks.

**Outdoor Task Force:** Council Assignment, Deb Moritz

We met in October to discuss the launching of the Prayer Garden project. We will be presenting this to the congregation on November 24<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour. We look forward to sharing with everyone the vision for the beautification of our outdoor worship space, along with projected cost and timeline for completion. After the presentation, we will have a table set up where everyone can receive more information.

**Pastor's Report:**

During the month of October Pastor John made 6- home visits and 2-home communions.

Tuesday evening is the grief support group

Wednesday evening schedule is:

6:15-7:00 leads chapel

7:00-7:30 works with confirmation class then turns over to adult leaders

7:30-8:00 interacts with the youth group

Approved holidays for Pastor John are December 1<sup>st</sup>-pulpit supply has been secured and December 29<sup>th</sup> Lay service will need 7 volunteers to lead the service which Pastor John has written.

**MMSC: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Haak and seconded by Dave Schnabel. Motion carried.**

**Council convened into executive Session:**

- **Beaver Valley WELCA Committee**



THANK YOU all for your support of God's work at Beaver Valley Lutheran!

The last day of the year for financial contributions will be **Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**. Staff will check our PO Box 128 in Brandon, SD for end of the year gifts if you are not able to place them on the altar during our December worshipping.



### **Offering Envelopes for 2025**

We received the 2025 offering envelopes, and they will be ready for pickup in December. Please watch your mid-week emails for more details.

If you don't see your name and would like Offering Envelopes for 2025, let the church office know at [office@beavervalleylutheran.org](mailto:office@beavervalleylutheran.org). Thank you!



**Annual Reports Due by Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please email all reports over to Jacqui at**

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**DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>	<b>DECEMBER 8</b>	<b>DECEMBER 15</b>	<b>DECEMBER 22</b>	<b>DECEMBER 29</b>
<b>Upper Greeters:</b>	Lowell & Mary Johnson	Ann Beesley, Jeannelle Yitagesu	Lanny & Sylvia Benson	Scott & Sarah Rust	Wayne & DeEtta Myers
<b>Lower Greeters:</b>	Mike & Cheryl Hluchy	Jason & Lynn Haak	Dan & Gingi Hanson	Kate & Terry Brick	Dan & Tricia Steen
<b>Lectors:</b>	Sue Johannsen	Tricia Steen	Harley Drew	David Vanden Hull	Will Kruse
<b>Children's Sermon:</b>	Mary Lee	Brittany Gerovac	Deb Moritz	Pastor John Dalen	Bruce Bonander
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dale & Krista Hanson	Alan & Ellen Schmidt	Rick & Christy Johnson	Denis & Janet Andersen	Larry & Ardell Johnson
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Susan Kruse, Kathy Reisenweber	NONE	NONE	Mabel Wilcox, Doris Phillips	NONE
<b>Communion Preparers:</b>	Joel & Beth Flier <b>Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> Sue Johannsen	NONE	NONE	Dan & Tricia Steen <b>Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> Sue Johannsen	NONE
<b>Communion Bread:</b>	Angie Arndt	NONE	NONE	Angie Arndt	NONE
<b>Nursery:</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>Media:</b>	Dan Feeken	David Vanden Hull	Corey Maunu	Lucas Maunu	Dan Feeken
<b>Flags:</b>	Joel Flier	Scott & Sarah Rust	Gary Parker	Scott & Sarah Rust	Joel Flier
<b>Church Bells</b>	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman	Marvin Burkman
<b>Offering Counting:</b>	Dale Hanson Kelly Wright	Dan Feeken Marvin Burkman	Kevin Backer Kelly Wright	Dale Hanson Dan Feeken	Kevin Backer Marvin Burkman

**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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# December



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

Christy Nelson	12/2	Timothy (TJ) Law	12/18
Elizabeth Liedholt	12/3	Jadyn Ramazani	12/18
Sonja Braucht	12/4	(Knudson)	
Donna Dawley	12/4	Beverly Richert	12/18
Holly Olesen	12/4	Beth Flier	12/19
Kelly Dreyer	12/5	Alex McDonald	12/19
Kaylynn Erlandson	12/5	Paul Sittig	12/19
Hendrix Halbersma	12/5	Don Weber	12/19
LeRoy Pappenfus	12/5	Taylor Wegner	12/20
Judith Burkman	12/7	Wesley Christensen	12/21
Briella Guischer	12/7	Sara Kiefer	12/21
Mary Hanson	12/7	Angie Surdez	12/21
Sarah Prohl	12/8	Dashel Halbersma	12/22
Sally Muller	12/9	Isaac Hanson	12/22
Robert Maxwell	12/10	Brianna Stahl	12/22
Erik Hanson	12/11	Nicole Sitzmann	12/24
Gregg Holbrook	12/11	Matt Swenson	12/24
Sue Johannsen	12/11	Miranda Waldner	12/24
Grace Prohl	12/11	Mike Erickson	12/25
Lori Erickson	12/12	Mengistu Yitagesu	12/25
Tim Hanson	12/12	Cody Erickson	12/26
William Nelson	12/12	Carter Stahl	12/26
Zachary Nelson	12/12	Tammy Ford	12/27
Dan Hanson	12/14	Kasey Johnson	12/30
Mazie Petrik	12/14	Christy Johnson	12/31
Tamasine Clow	12/15	Vivian Johnson	12/31
Greg Johnson	12/16	Devin Swanson	12/31
Kyera Nelson	12/16	Mable Wilcox	12/31
		Cory Winter	12/31

<p>1 9:30a - Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Guest Pastor Bishop Andrea DeGroot Nesdahl</p> <p>10:30a - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:35a - NO BVLC Kids</p>	2	<p>3 6:30p – Grief Group</p>	<p>4 6:15p - Chapel Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00p - BVLC KIDS &amp; God Squad – Christmas Program Practice</p> <p>7:00p - Confirmation &amp; Sr High Youth Group</p> <p>7:00p - Adult Choir</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 9:30a - Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church – Christmas Cantata</p> <p>10:30a - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:35a – Christmas Program Practice</p>	9	10	<p>11 6:15p - Chapel Worship in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00p - BVLC KIDS &amp; God Squad – Christmas Program Practice</p> <p>7:00p - Confirmation &amp; Sr High Youth Group</p> <p>7:00p - Adult Choir</p>	<p>12 7:00p -Church Council Meeting</p>	13	<p>14 9:30a – Christmas Program Practice</p>
<p>15 9:30a - Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church – Christmas Program</p> <p>God Squad Bell Performance</p> <p>10:30a Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:30a -Women’s Meeting</p> <p>10:35a –NO BVLC Kids</p> <p>4:00p - Worship at Bethany Meadows</p>	<p>16 6:30p Women’s Meeting</p>	17	<p>18 5:00p - Music &amp; Worship Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:15p - Chapel Worship with Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00p – NO BVLC Kids</p> <p>7:00p - NO God Squad</p> <p>7:00p – Confirmation – Christmas Party</p> <p>7:00p – NO Sr High Youth</p> <p>7:00p - Adult Choir</p>	19	20	21
<p>22 9:30a - Worship with Holy Communion at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church</p> <p>10:30a Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>10:35a NO BVLC Kids</p>	23	<p>24 4:00p – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00p - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day – No Worship Services</p> 	26	27	28
<p>29 9:30a - Worship at Beaver Valley Lutheran Church</p> <p>10:30a Coffee Fellowship – Wear a Christmas Sweater and bring a plate of treats to share during Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:35a NO BVLC Kids</p> <p>God Squad Pizza Party</p>	<p>30 Last day of the year for financial contributions</p> <p>Annual Reports Due</p>	<p>31 New Year’s Eve</p> 		<p><b>December 2024</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.beavervalleylutheran.org">www.beavervalleylutheran.org</a> Worship online anytime!</p> <p>Sunday Worship at 9:30 am is livestreamed on YouTube. Log on to <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> and search Beaver Valley Lutheran Church.</p>		