



BUFFALO Presbyterian CHURCH



Loving all People,
Living our Faith,
and Following Jesus

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Ash Wednesday Service

Join us as we open the season of Lent in worship with our friends at Spirit of Joy on March 5th at 6:30pm.

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Join us as we worship with our friends from Spirit of Joy

FOR YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.
GENESIS 3:19

*Classes, Coffee,
& Conversations*

March 2

Conversations To Go

March 9

Buffalo Community Center Update

March 16

Pastor Brian

March 23

Presbyterian Resources on the Internet

March 30

Parenting with Grace

Sponsor a Backpack

We are hoping to donate 150 backpacks with supplies to the Buffalo Food Shelf. These will be given to students in the fall. Each backpack is \$10.00. The Backpack Drive will be from March 9th through April 20th.

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March 9th -April 20th

We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter, **The New Times.**

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office.



When we talk about vocation people may initially think about professional ministry, like being a pastor, youth worker, or church musician, but a vocation is something that everyone has. For Christians a vocation is not the same as an occupation, but in some instances they overlap. For many, but not all pastors our vocation and occupation are the same. The overlap, or lack thereof, of vocation and occupation do not diminish each other. Rather the vocation is that calling from God over one's life, either for the whole of it or for a time, while the occupation is the work one goes about that provides them with pay and other benefits to support them in their life.

Many people have found vocations outside their occupation; certain examples are that of being a Ruling Elder or Deacon in the church, volunteer-

ing with a local agency like a food shelf, animal shelter, or school tutoring program, or creating art and music to inspire and convict. Regardless of whether one's vocation and occupation

ever overlap, the discernment of vocation is an important practice.

Vocation can change over time, as our knowledge and abilities change, as the world's needs shift, and as we grow deeper in our discipleship to Christ. Taking time for regular vocational reflection and discernment is an important aspect of the spiritual life.

Theologian Frederick Buechner defines vocation as

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”

Using Buechner's definition as our starting point we can begin to discern what our vocation is at this time in our life. To find the intersection of

your deep gladness and the world's hunger requires both introspection and knowledge of the needs in our world today.

Some questions to ask yourself in the midst of introspection are:

What brings me joy?

What gifts and talents has God given me and how can I develop them further?

What knowledge and experience have I gained throughout my life?

Some questions to ask regarding the needs in the world today are:

Who in my community does not have their basic needs met?

What groups of people are marginalized in the society I live in?

Beyond material and economic needs, what social and spiritual needs are present in people's lives?

Once you have taken

time to reflect on these and other questions, look for the overlap, the places of intersection between your gladness and the world's needs.

Lent, that season when we follow Jesus to the cross and empty tomb, can be an opportune time to reflect on our own vocation and if needed discern how it may be changing given where we and the world are at. I invite you to actively consider your own vocation both now and regularly in life. God has a calling for each of us and in many cases multiple callings spread out across our years. May you find God's call, your vocation, and follow in faithfulness, hope, and love.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

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Missions

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be March 3rd from noon to 6pm. Sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org, enter 55313.

There is a sign up sheet outside the office for volunteer opportunities!

Buffalo Food Shelf

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE 2025 MARCH CAMPAIGN

March Campaign Minnesota FoodShare brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves.


During the campaign, food shelves weigh all food donations and keep track of all dollar donations designated for the March Campaign. These figures are reported to Minnesota FoodShare. Based on the figures, Minnesota FoodShare will give food shelves a percentage of the available dollars from their "FoodFund."

The more food and dollars donated to Buffalo Food Shelf during the March Campaign, the more "FoodFund" dollars the BFS will receive from Minnesota FoodShare. Food and funds donated by our Buffalo Presbyterian Church during March will be part of this FoodShare campaign. If donating funds by check, please designate them to "Buffalo Food Shelf."

Free Community Spaghetti Supper

Our next Free Community Spaghetti Supper will be April 5th from 4:30pm to 6pm.

Watch for a sign up sheet outside the office for volunteer opportunities!



MARCH 3, 2025
12:00PM-6:00PM

Sign Up Online at
RedCrossBlood.org, enter 55313.



Free Community Spaghetti Supper

APR 5th

4:30pm - 6pm

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"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

John 13:34

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02 9:30AM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: CONVERSATIONS TO GO	03 12:00PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	04 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	05 6:30PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	06 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	07	08
09 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:30AM CCC: BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE	10 5PM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG	11 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	12 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	13 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	14	15 10AM SPOT: BREAD BAKING
16 8:30AM 150TH PLANNING MEETING 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR BRIAN	17 4PM DEACONS MTG	18 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION	19 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	20 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	21	22
23 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PRESBYTERIAN RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET	24	25 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	26 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	27 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	28	29
30 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PARENTING WITH GRACE	31					

New Kitchen Coordinators

Please join us in welcoming Deb Anderson and Marlene Aldrich as our new Kitchen Coordinators! They'll be overseeing all things kitchen related. If you ever need to know how to use the kitchen equipment, where something is, or if you need anything kitchen related, please reach out to Deb and Marlene and they will graciously help you out! Let's give them a warm welcome and offer our support.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten Soup Supper Sign Up is out in the Narthex. Please sign up to help set up, clean up, or bring a soup to share. We will be joined by SOJ and they are also signing up to help. This will be a great opportunity to start to get to know our siblings in Christ. Following the soup suppers, join us in a discussion and reflection. This year's Lenten theme is: A House Divided and a World on Fire. We will be learning about lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



Multicultural Festival 2025

Celebrate your cultural diversity through food, music & dance. April 5, 2025 from 2pm-6pm at Monticello Middle School Arena Gym. They will be collecting gently used or new shoes to send to Uganda. For more information, please call Maribel Cruz-Longley at 763-458-5265.

Seeds of Service Retreat 2025

From April 11-13th at Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center. This retreat is \$100 per person. The purpose of this retreat is to provide dedicated time and energy to completing service projects at Clearwater Forest. More information is on the bulletin board outside the office. Please register at <https://clearwaterforest.campbrainregistration.com>



March Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
3/2	Communications Committee	Mike Quady & Elaine Thole	Kathy Quady	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
3/9	Finance Committee	Larry Janski & Larry Pattee	Larry Janski	Mike Quady	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
3/16	Personnel Committee	Kellie Johnson	Lisa Ellwoods	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
3/23	Men's Breakfast	Elaine Thole & Larry Janski	Mary Markve-Patch	Mike Quady	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
3/30	Missions Committee	Mike Quady & Larry Pattee	Steve Grittman	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike
4/6	Worship & Music Committee	Liz Klaassen & Kathy Quady	Ashton Olsen	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike

SPOT~Bread Baking

Learn to bake bread! Deb Anderson and Kathy Quady will have a SPOT offering to demonstrate how to make bread. You will make the dough, knead it, and take it home to raise and bake. We will provide the ingredients and equipment, so PLEASE sign up by Thursday, March 13th.

We will gather at 10AM on Saturday, March 15th in the Fellowship Hall. See you then!

Spiritual Practices Of Today (SPOT) is a monthly Faith Formation offering that focuses on various spiritual practices we can use to grow deeper in our faith and relationship with God.



Session Summary

Highlights of the February 18 Stated Session Meeting

Members will elect officers at Special Congregational Meeting

The Session called a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 9, at 10:30 am following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and elect officers for the Class of 2028. Elders Ralph Johansen and Chuck Klaassen have indicated they will return for a second three-year term. Elder Don Eddy was not eligible for re-election as he has served two terms. Deacons Barb

Janski and Liz Klaassen will be leaving the Board of Deacons. The Nominating Committee has completed their work in securing candidates for all of the open positions. Thanks to Don, Barb, and Liz for serving the church as officers.

Additional pledge income closes budget gap

The Finance Committee reported that a correction in one pledge and some additional planned giving resulted in sufficient income to make up for a projected deficit in the 2025 budget. BPC

members continue to be faithful in their pledges and donations supporting the church's ministry and mission.

BPC is 30th in membership among presbytery's congregations

BPC's 2023 active membership of 90 places it in 30th place among the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area's (PTCA) 52 congregations. The presbytery's largest church is Westminster Presbyterian Church in downtown

Minneapolis with 3,184 members. The smallest is Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church in St. Paul with 21 members.

Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua
Cindy Doth
Don Eddy
Larry Janski
Ralph Johansen
Chuck Klaassen
Linda Shebiel
Mike Quady
Pastor Brian Entz

Finance Committee
Fellowship Committee
Personnel Committee
Communications Committee
Worship & Music Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
Missions Committee
Faith Formation Committee/ Clerk of Session
Moderator



To contribute to our mission and ministry online, please scan the QR code.

Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 4:00pm

Barb Janski*
Liz Klaassen
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe*
Lavina Pattee
Kathy Quady

* Treasurer



Buffalo Presbyterian Church is a congregation in which the Word, the Spirit, and the Love of God enrich and strengthen us as individuals and families in Christ.

The purpose of this Church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.



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