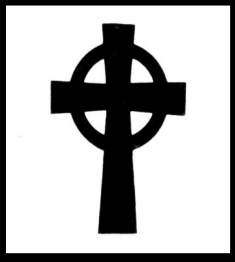


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Food Preservation

OCTOBER 1ST 2PM-4PM

Learn how to preserve Foods in a variety of ways, including pickling and freezing. Come for fellowship, snacks and a thirst for knowing more about preserving your harvest. Presented by Kristi Varner, owner of Gather

Buffalo Presbyterian Church
507 County Road 134 Buffalo, MN 55313

CAMPFIRE
Guitar Sing-a-long

Come enjoy hotdogs, chips, & s'mores

Please bring a chair

OCTOBER 7 at 5:30pm
Buffalo Presbyterian Church

Medicare Basics

Join us for Medicare Basics, an educational seminar for anyone who is or will soon become Medicare eligible. Get answers to questions including:

What is Original Medicare? What is the difference between a Medicare Supplement Plan and a Medicare Advantage Plan? What about my prescriptions? Am I eligible for cost-saving programs? What if I'm going to continue working after I turn 65? How often should I review my coverage? And more!

Natalie McClory, licensed insurance agent with Milestone Medicare
October 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Buffalo Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
507 County Road 134 NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

Classes, Coffee, and Conversations

October 1
TBD with Pastor Brian

October 8
2024 Budget Discussion with Finance Committee & Session

October 15
Deacons

October 22
Refresher on CPR/ AED Use with Mandy Harkness

October 29
A.C.T. & Fellowship Committee

November 5
TED Talk from Brene Brown with Cindy Doth

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office

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Jesus has many titles and many ways of relating to us and to the world. Jesus is Lord, teacher, prophet, priest, Messiah (Christ), Son of God, Word of God, God incarnate, Emmanuel (God with us), brother, shepherd, and more.

One important title and role of Jesus' is that of friend. We are reminded in John's Gospel that when Jesus was talking with his disciples after washing their feet he called them his friends.

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:15

The role of friend is an important one for Jesus in our lives. By being our friend, he reminds us of the intimacy, solidarity, and fun that should be a core part of our relationship with him.

Intimacy in that as our friend he knows us well, better than any other friend we have and in that knowledge he loves us deeply. He knew the stories and actions of so many he encountered, the woman at the well, Peter and his betrayal, Zaccheus, and he knows our stories and our actions as well.

In his solidarity with us Jesus shows us what true friendship is, when we stick with one another, through thick and thin, through highs and lows. His solidarity with us is so great that he experienced the breadth and depth of human life, the vulnerability of being an infant, the joy of weddings and human relationships when he was in Cana, the loss of a friend at the death of Lazarus, the pain of betrayal at Peter's denial and Judas selling him out. His solidarity went all the way to

the cross where he experienced pain and death on the cross. In the years he was on earth Jesus experienced so much of human life and thus he stands beside us in solidarity in all life brings our way.

Jesus also wants to have fun with us. Many accused him of being a glutton and drunk, because he was so often eating with others. Jesus spent time enjoying the company of others, he wasn't preaching and teaching 24/7. Jesus wants to enjoy our company too.

The invitation to follow Jesus includes the invitation to be his friend and let him be ours. It includes letting him know us intimately, being open to his solidarity with us, and accepting his invitation to fun. It also means returning all of those, as friendship is a mutual endeavor. So we must get to know him intimately, stand in solidarity with him (and his people), and have fun with him.

May we all come to be friends with Jesus, because he wants to be our friend.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.





MEALS ON WHEELS

Thank you so much to those that volunteered to deliver meals during the month of September!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need. 25% of this Offering stays within our congregation, 25% goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations in our region, and the remaining 50% supports the work that is done by Presbyterians around the globe. This offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 1st. If you would like to donate with a credit card online, please go to pcusa.org/peace-global

Our portion of this offering will be going to Parenting with Grace located in Buffalo. (parentingwithgrace.org) Their mission is providing families a safe environment with education to raise resilient children. Some of the services that they provide are: supervised visitation, safe exchanges, parent education, seminars, and support groups.

Attention All Bakers!

Our 13th Annual Craft Sale is fast approaching and once again we hope to have a bake sale included in the event.

We are hoping for an abundance of baked goods this year and we have many talented women (and men) who have provided many selections in past years.

Our bake sale has become very popular and we are hoping to be able to provide many items from which shoppers can select.

Many of the crafty ladies have decided to start early and have been filling their freezer with goodies to pack the sale tables. We hope that many of you will do the same! In past years we have had such a great response from our congregation and we thank you so much for that!

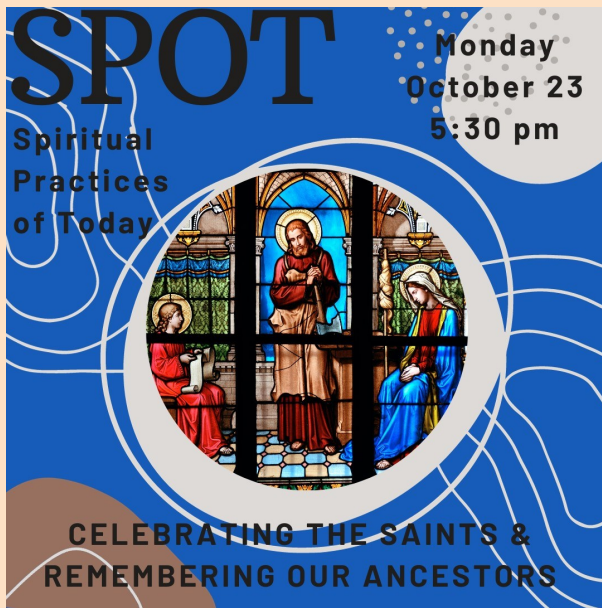
We look forward to a day of abundant products to offer to our craft sale shoppers!

The sale will be on Saturday, November 4th from 9am to 3pm!

Ready???.....Bake!!!

October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>9:30a Worship with Communion</p> <p>10:30a Coffee & Conversations-Telling Our Stories About Church with Pastor Brian</p> <p>2:00p Food Preservation</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30p Prayer Shawl Group</p> <p>7:00p AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00a Crafty Ladies</p> <p>9:00a Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30p Medicare Basics</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00p Adult Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30a Women of Faith</p> <p>10:00a Women of Faith</p> <p>5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group</p> <p>7:00p Communications Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30p Campfire Sing-a-long</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:30a Coffee & Conversations - 2024 Budget Discussion with the Finance Committee & Session</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:30p Deacons</p> <p>5:30p Fellowship Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30p PEO</p> <p>7:00p AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00a Crafty Ladies</p> <p>9:00a Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30p Missions Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30p Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00p Adult Choir</p> <p>1:00p Personnel Committee Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30a Women of Faith</p> <p>10:00a Women of Faith</p> <p>5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30a 150th Planning Meeting</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-Deacons</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30p Faith Formation Committee Meeting</p> <p>7:00p AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00a Crafty Ladies</p> <p>9:00a Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6:30p Session</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00p Adult Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30a Women of Faith</p> <p>10:00a Women of Faith</p> <p>5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-Refresher on CPR/AED Use with Mandy Harkess</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12:00p Drivers Improvement</p> <p>5:30p SPOT: Celebrating the Saints & Remembering Our Ancestors</p> <p>7:00p AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00a Crafty Ladies</p> <p>9:00a Men's Breakfast</p> <p>12:00p Drivers Improvement</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00p Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30a Women of Faith</p> <p>10:00a Women of Faith</p> <p>5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30a Worship</p> <p>10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-A.C.T. & Fellowship Committee</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00p AA Meeting</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN</p> <p>9:00a Crafty Ladies</p> <p>9:00a Men's Breakfast</p>				



Spiritual Practices Of Today 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.

Join us for SPOT on Monday, October 23rd at 5:30pm. We will be **Celebrating the Saints and Remembering Our Ancestors.**

Please watch for more information about the upcoming November SPOT!

CHURCH CLEANING TEAMS NEED YOUR HELP!!

In recent months, your Church Cleaning Teams have been reduced from 6 Teams to 4. That means that each Team is called upon twice in any two month period to clean the Church. Keeping our building clean and sanitary is a very special ministry and requires a strong commitment from our membership. Our Annual Budget just cannot support hiring a professional cleaning service, so we must rely on volunteers. Our current Teams have been dedicated to their tasks since before COVID and, quite frankly, they are now faced with a huge increase in their participation. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

What is involved?

The Church building is always cleaned by one Team at least once a week in preparation for Worship on Sundays. This does NOT include the bathrooms as Mike Quady handles that task each week which is a significant commitment in its own right!. Each Team is scheduled for two weeks of cleaning duty in a row. The first week involves a full cleaning of the Church and the second week only Trash Pickup and spot cleaning. Normally, a Team comes in on Friday or Saturday at their own convenience. That assures the best possible results for Sunday Worship. Full cleaning involves vacuuming carpets; wet or dry mopping entry ways, The Narthex and Fellowship Hall as needed; windexing entry-way glass only; sanitizing flat spaces and frequently used office equipment in the main office; emptying all trash and recycle boxes and carrying the refuse out to the dumpsters at the back of the parking lot on your way out; etc. Trash only weeks are just that: empty the trash and recycle boxes and put the refuse in the dumpsters; and clean up any spills or other obvious problems.

We need at least two more Teams, and that means YOU! Please, talk to your Spouse, your friends, your children or grandchildren! This special commitment to maintaining the safety and cleanliness of our building must be done, and we need your help to do it and do it well!

Call me. Text or email me. Stop me in the hall. I don't care how you do it, but please **DO IT!** Our Teams need you!! Thanks! Don Eddy. Buildings and Grounds

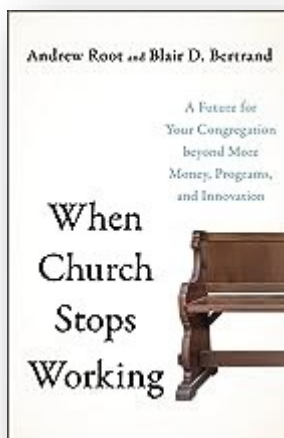
October Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
10/1	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Barb Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/8	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Dave & Jean Johnson	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Theresa Bevilacqua	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/15	Deb Anderson/ Kathy Quady	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Lisa Ellwoods	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/22	Deb Anderson/ Kathy Quady	Larry & Lavina Pattee	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Mary Markve-Patch	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/29	Diane Ellis	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Steve Grittman	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
11/5	Diane Ellis	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Larry Janski/ Liz Klaassen	Eric Ellwoods	Chuck Klaassen	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike

From our Treasurer

2023 3rd Quarter Giving Update

	Pledged	Given	%
General Fund	135,132	115,566	86%
Building Fund	5,714	4,383	77%
Per Capita	2,100	1,128	54%



Presbytery-Wide Book Read

We are invited to read and discuss “When Church Stops Working” by Andrew Root & Blair D. Bertrand. More information is online at <https://www.lakenokomispc.org/when-church-stops-working.html>

There will be 2 opportunities for discussion on Zoom. On Wednesday, October 11th at 7pm chapters 1 through 4 will be discussed. On Wednesday, October 18th at pm chapters 5 through 8 will be discussed. Please register using the link above.

Wednesday, October 25th there will be a dinner, presentation, and conversation with Andrew Root. This will be located at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church at 160 E 46th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407. This workshop will be from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Please register with the link above.

See Pastor Brian with questions.

Session Summary

Highlights of the September 19 Stated Meeting

Session reviews preliminary budget

Elders spent a significant part of the meeting reviewing the proposed 2024 budget. Church committees reviewed their individual budgets and submitted them to Treasurer Mandy Harkess. The treasurer put the entire budget before the Session for a line-by-line review. By consensus the Session agreed to put the draft budget before the congregation. The 2024 budget includes a three percent pay raise for staff. The total budget is slightly more than the \$182,000 2023 budget. The congregation will have a chance to review and discuss the 2024 budget proposal at a Coffee, Classes, and Conversation session following worship on October 8.

Ashton Olsen considers entering the ministry

BPC Elder Ashton Olsen has begun work at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton and is interested in entering the ordination process. That process will help Ash discern if God is calling them to become a Teaching Elder/Minister of the Word and Sacrament. A prerequisite to the process is undergoing a personal assessment. The Presbytery of the Twin Cities' practice is to share the cost of the assessment with the local church covering 50%, the presbytery covering 40%, and the student covering 10%. The Session approved paying \$900 to cover the church's portion of the cost. Following the assessment Ash will meet with the Session and the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to consider Ash becoming an inquirer. That's the beginning phase of the ordination process. Be in prayer for Ash as they consider this call.

Pride flag (and pole) stolen again

The church's pride flag was ripped down again sometime on Tuesday, September 19. The flag-pole was also stolen. The flag had been flying from its higher, sturdier mount about seven weeks since it was last taken. The Session discussed the possibility of mounting the flag higher and/or monitoring it with an online camera to prevent further vandalism. The Buffalo Police are aware of the repeated vandalism.



Session

*Meets monthly on the third
Tuesday at 6:30 pm*

Theresa Bevilacqua	Finance Committee
Don Eddy	Building & Grounds Committee
Jill Gatzke	Missions Committee
Larry Janski	Communications Committee
Ralph Johansen	Worship & Music Committee
Chuck Klaassen	Fellowship Committee
Mary Markve-Patch	Faith Formation Committee
Kathy Quady	Personnel Committee
Mike Quady	Clerk of Session
Pastor Brian Entz	Moderator

Board of Deacons

*Meets monthly on the third
Monday at 6:00 pm*

Diane Ellis*	Deacon Treasurer*
Barb Janski*	
Liz Klaassen	
Michele Lawlor	
Joan Lowe	
Louise Markve	

*Please note that our Church Treasurer is Mandy Harkess.

To give online, please scan the QR code.





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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