



# BPC Adult Choir

Rehearsals begin  
Wednesday, September 6  
at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary



Everyone is invited to come and lift their voice in song. No previous experience necessary!! Questions see Mike Agre or any choir member.

SETTING MINDFUL  
INTENTIONS



AT CLEARWATER FOREST

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023

THE COST DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF WOMEN SIGNED UP. IN THE PAST IT HAS RANGED FROM \$118 - \$135

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## Classes, Coffee, and Conversations

September 10

A New Creation with Pastor Brian

September 17

Kick-Off Brunch Potluck & Scavenger Hunt

September 24

Conversations-to-go with Mike Quady

October 1

TBD with Pastor Brian

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

*For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office*



If you are like me there are times when your prayer life feels dry and lifeless. It may feel like praying as you have been is fruitless, or any motivation to pray has disappeared. This is a normal part of the spiritual life and is in no way a poor reflection on your own faith. So when you experience this don't beat yourself up over it. When it happens there are all sorts of prayer practices and methods that different pastors and spiritual teachers have suggested over the centuries that might help your prayer practice find new life. A simple formula is, in my experience,

sometimes the best and I'd like to offer you one that gives both freedom and structure to one's prayers.

The origin of the ACTS Prayer is unknown to me, but each of its elements are ancient and scriptural. They are:

Adoration  
Confession  
Thanksgiving  
Supplication

These four steps cover the bases of prayer. If you pay attention each element is found at some point, spoken or sung in each of our Sunday worship services, so if you're struggling with what one particular element might look like in your personal or family prayer Sunday worship can be a good reference point for you.

The first part is Adoration. Adoration is where we praise God for who God is (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, etc) and what God has done for us and all creation. We start with adoration because everything we do is a response to God who has acted first, both in creating us and in saving us by grace through Jesus Christ. Our prayer is ever and always a response to what God has done and is doing.

The second part is Confession. Confession is where we admit the ways that we have fallen short of who

God created us to be. We confess our sins, both in worship on Sundays and in our private prayers throughout the week, recognizing the harms we've caused and the relationships that are broken and in need of healing. Our confession should be both individual and communal, as sin is both personal and systemic. Most importantly, we make our confession in the knowledge of God's free gift of grace.

The third part is Thanksgiving. In Thanksgiving we recognize that ultimately every good thing, every joy in our life, comes from God, who is the source of our life and all of creation. In giving thanks we examine our lives and name all that is good in them, however large or small.

The final part is Supplication. Supplication, like all the others, leans on God as the source and summit of all that is, the one who knows all and is working for good in the midst of all things. In Supplication we lift up the needs of others, the world, and ourselves to God, entrusting these people and situations into God's loving care. Supplication is both a way to acknowledge our trust in God and to advocate to God on behalf of others and ourselves.

These four parts sum up Christian prayer and provide a flexible framework for our prayer life. I hope that the ACTS Prayer is of benefit to you, regardless of how dry or refreshing your prayer life might be at this moment.

May God, who is gracious and loving, provide for all you need in this moment; caring for you, growing you, and challenging you to a deeper and broader faith.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

## Street Party of Hope

September 14th from 4pm to 9pm in downtown Buffalo. We are looking for volunteers to staff the BPC table. A signup sheet is in the narthex. Please wear your BPC shirt.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

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

## LOVE INC BIG WOODS THRIFT STORE

Love Inc is looking for volunteers at the Thrift Store. Talk to Mary or Karen or call 763-682-8820. Remember the Thrift Store is now located in the strip mall behind Culver's and near Artistic Me and Modern Roots. The address is 205 5th St NE Buffalo, MN.

## FOOD PRESERVATION CLASS

Please join us on October 1st from 2pm to 4pm. This class will be led by Kristi Varner, owner of Gather. Kristi will be demonstrating how to preserve foods in a variety of ways, including pickling and freezing. Information on her vast array of knowledge will be available to take home on paper. Come for fellowship, snacks and a thirst for knowing more about preserving your harvest.

## 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.

*Food*  
**Preservation**

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# September 2023

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9:30a Worship  
10:30a Coffee & Conversations

4 LABOR DAY

6:30p Prayer Shawl Group  
7:00p AA Meeting

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9:00a Crafty Ladies  
9:00a Men's Breakfast  
6:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

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1:30p Personnel Committee Meeting  
5:30p Worship & Music Committee Meeting  
7:00p Adult Choir

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7:30a Women of Faith  
10:00a Women of Faith  
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group  
7:00p Communications Committee Meeting

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10:00a SPOT: How to Study the Bible

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9:30a Worship with Communion  
10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations-The New Creation with Pastor Brian

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6:30p PEO  
7:00p AA Meeting

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9:00a Crafty Ladies  
9:00a Men's Breakfast  
5:00p Missions Committee Meeting  
6:30p Finance Committee Meeting

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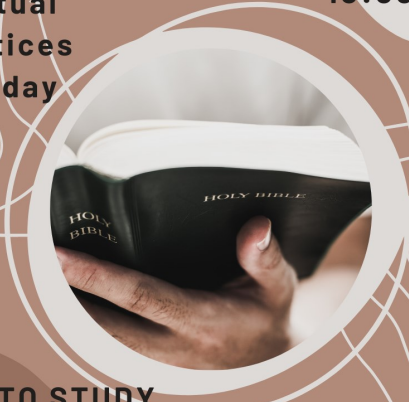
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7:30a Women of Faith  
10:00a Women of Faith  
4:30p Deacons Meeting  
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

# SPOT

Spiritual Practices of Today

Saturday  
September 9  
10:00 am



HOW TO STUDY  
THE BIBLE

**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 Saturday September 9th at 10 am as we explore **how to study the Bible**. Pastor Brian will give us tips, tricks, and insights into how we can better prayerfully study the Bible individually and communally. Feel free to bring your Bible.

Save the date!

October SPOT: Celebrating the Saints and Remembering Our Ancestors

10/23/23 at 5:30pm

# Upcoming Events



**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



**CAMPFIRE**  
*Guitar Sing-a-long*

Come enjoy hotdogs, chips, & s'mores

Please bring a chair

**OCTOBER 7 at 5:30pm**  
 Buffalo Presbyterian Church

# September Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
9/3	Diane Ellis	Dave & Jean Johnson	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Ashton Olsen	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
9/10	Diane Ellis	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Larry Pattee/ Kathy Quady	Larry Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
9/17	Becky & Don Eddy	Larry & Lavina Pattee	Larry Janski/ Liz Klaassen	Mike Quady	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
9/24	Becky & Don Eddy	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Chuck Klaassen	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike
10/1	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Barb Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Mandy will be taking photos at the church on September 17th before and after the worship service. Please turn in your information if you have not yet!

## Session Summary

Highlights of the August 8 Stated Meeting  
and Session Retreat

### Session sets norms for doing its business

The Session discussed expectations as they facilitate the work of the church and work with the congregation on the church's mission and ministry. They passed the following motion: The Session of Buffalo Presbyterian Church adopts the following Session norms:

- Encourage both one another and the congregational members
- Invite input of all Session members in discussion, making sure everyone is heard
- Communicate among church committees and other church groups
- Connect with the congregation regarding the work of the Session and seeking congregational input

### Three will attend Stewardship Kaleidoscope in October

The PC(USA)'s annual Stewardship Kaleidoscope is coming to Minneapolis later this month and three people from Buffalo Presbyterian Church will be attending. Pastor Brian Entz, Treasurer Mandy Harkess, and Finance Committee member Mike Quady will be learning more about church stewardship and church finances at the event that runs from September 25-27 at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis. Special thanks to the Presbyterian Presbyterian Foundation for scholarships to cover our registration costs.



### 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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