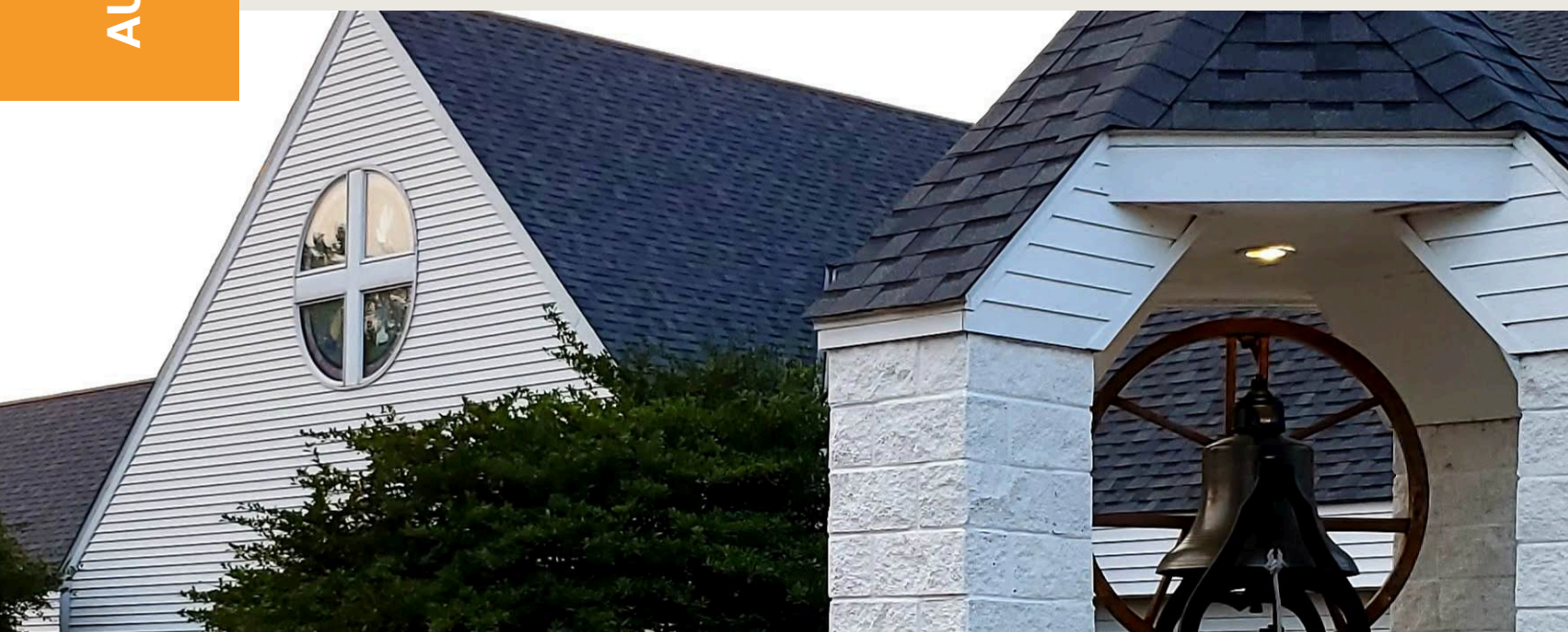


AUGUST 2026

# BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# GOOD NEWS



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Pastor's Page
- Save the Date
  - 2026 Annual Women's Retreat
  - Blood Drive
- Missions & Announcements
- Volunteers
- Session Summary



BUFFALO  
*Presbyterian*  
CHURCH

*Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus*

### Updated Name Tags Available

Just a friendly reminder that we have updated our name tags, and encourage you to wear them as an act of hospitality, with an option to include your pronouns if you so wish. If you are in need of a name tag, please reach out to Ali in the office and she will get one made for you!





## GENEROUS AND GRATEFUL HEARTS

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7*

Last month we highlighted much of the mission BPC has engaged in during the first half of 2026 using numbers. Numbers of people fed/served, numbers of meals (and other kits) packed, amounts of money collected for various causes. All these numbers represent the generous spirit present in the life of Buffalo Presbyterian Church. Your generosity in regards to mission is mirrored in your generosity towards the church as a whole. In the past there have been summers where we've had a month or more that were in the red, aka we spent more than we took in. Thanks to your generous giving (and the stewardship of BPC's session and leaders) we have been able to stay in the black so far this summer.

I know many of the leaders at BPC (including myself) are grateful for your generous giving of time, talent, treasure, and energy. We couldn't be the church we are without each and every one of you.

The generosity and gratitude present in our congregation are two sides of the same coin. However the generosity is not ours alone, rather it starts with God. God is the one who so generously creates. God is the one who generously redeems in the giving of God's very self for us in Jesus. God is the one who generously pours out the Holy Spirit grafting us into the Body of Christ and renewing our life. Our gratitude as Christians is our starting place in relation to God, the Church, and the world. In gratitude for all God gives and does, we are called to act in love and generosity, that we might mirror the actions of God in whose image we are made.

From there our generosity builds more gratitude in others, hopefully inspiring more generosity. On and on it goes, an ever growing spiral of gratitude and generosity helping build the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

So to each of you I say thank you for your generous giving of self and resources! Thank you for the ways you share your faith and gratitude with this church and community. These are the seeds to cultivate, the plants to tend, and the fruit to harvest.

*I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. -Philemon 1:4-5*

# SAVE THE DATE!



## Meal Kit Building

September 12th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join us as we work together to bring food to our neighbors.

### Ways You Can Donate:

- **Food:** Sign up to buy specific food for the meal kits (indicate on sign up sheet how many items you will bring)
- **Time:** Help fill Meal Kits on September 12th from 9am - 11am.
- **Money:** For kit supplies - Door slot in the BPC office (Please place cash in envelope for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Please make checks out to BPC with Neighbors Feeding Neighbors in the memo)

*Please have all donated items to BPC by September 10th*



## Blood Drive

August 24th from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

BPC is in need of 12 Blood Drive Volunteers for the canteen and registration areas. The following times are open if you wish to participate, a sign up sheet is available outside the BPC office. We will be clearing the Fellowship Hall after Worship & Fellowship on the 23rd.

Canteen (6 volunteers needed):

12pm - 2pm

2pm - 4pm

4pm - 6pm

Registration (6 volunteers needed):

12pm - 2pm

2pm - 4pm

4pm - 6pm



## 2026 Annual Women's Retreat - Weekend of an Immersive God

September 25th - 27th

Join the women of the church for a peaceful weekend of faith, fellowship, reflection, and beautiful outdoor surroundings. Come away for a refreshing time to reconnect, rest, and be immersed in God's presence. Sign up sheets are in front of the BPC office, you can also register at [office@buffalopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@buffalopresbyterian.org).

**Place:** Clearwater Forest, Deerwood, MN

**Cost:** \$160.00 plus meals

**September 1:** Remainder of the cost

## Chili Mac & Corn



12 oz



15 oz



10 oz



15 oz

## Forgotten Chicken



12.5 oz

or  
2 small cans



14 oz



15 oz



# MISSION PAGE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Mid Year Giving Update

Below is the pledged giving update through  
the end of June 2026.

Goals are what we need to fully cover general expenses,  
building loans, and BPC per capita.

| 2026 Mid Year Giving Update                 |           |                   |                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                                             | Pledged   | Pledged<br>Giving | Non-Pledged<br>Giving | Pledge Goal:<br>50% |
| <b>General Fund</b><br><b>Goal: 179,000</b> | \$141,640 | \$ 80,485         | \$ 16,564             | <b>69%</b>          |
| <b>Building Fund</b><br><b>Goal: 9,006</b>  | \$ 6,180  | \$ 1,665          | \$ 200                | <b>30%</b>          |
| <b>Per Capita</b><br><b>Goal: 3,850</b>     | \$ 1,766  | \$ 960            | \$ 40                 | <b>57%</b>          |

## Meals On Wheels

BPC is in charge of providing volunteer drivers for delivering Meals on Wheels (MOW) for the month of September. MOW now has 4 routes in the Buffalo area every weekday and we need drivers to cover as many routes as we can during September. The time is from 10:45 to about 12:15. It is a very rewarding mission activity that is greatly appreciated by the people who depend on this service for one hot meal each day. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud is the sponsoring agency for Meals on Wheels in the Buffalo area. You MUST register and sign up through the Catholic Charities Volunteer Website at the following link:

<https://ccstcloud.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/SeniorDining>

You will need to click on the Create Account button and set up your personal volunteer account if you haven't already done so.. Once you have an account set up, or are logged in, there are 4 simple steps to signing up for Meals on Wheels.

1. Click on the Events tab and choose Buffalo/Delano
2. Go all the way across the page to your right and click on the Calendar View icon.,
3. Scroll down to September and click on the Buffalo dates you wish to deliver meals.
4. Click the Sign Up button and follow the remaining prompts.

If you have ANY QUESTIONS, please contact Chuck Klaassen, 612-247-7000  
or chuckkla52@gmail.com for help.

THANK YOU for your willingness to help with this important community mission.

Blessings,  
Chuck

# MISSION PAGE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Community Meal 7/25/26:

Thank you to everyone that helped with our July Community Meal! Below are totals of the meals provided to others in our community.

- Adults Served - 39
- Youth Served - 2
- Volunteers - 10
- To-Go Meals - 3

**TOTAL MEALS SERVED - 54**

## Immigration Aid Collection

Thank you BPC for your past and for your on-going support of our immigrant neighbors. The soaps and detergents provided necessary dignity when people could not go out and shop for themselves. Later, those same donations allowed families to pivot funds to other necessary purchases while they worked to get back on their feet after months of lost income.

Now, many of the families and individuals are back to work, but still needing monthly assistance with food and gas. Instead of personal items, **would you please be willing to donate bottles of vegetable/cooking oil and Maseca corn flour?** With these cooking donations, families will be able to make food that is familiar, filling and comfortable for their families on a sustainable basis.

You are a blessing to so many!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Patti Pokorney



# AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| DATE    | COFFEE TIME                                    | GREETERS        | LAY LEADER        | USHERS                       |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 8/2/26  | Crafty Ladies                                  | Larry Janski    | Lisa Ellwoods     | Kellie Johnson / Kevin Spike |
| 8/9/26  | Men's Breakfast & Building & Grounds Committee | Charlie Wilkens | Ashton Olsen      | Kellie Johnson / Kevin Spike |
| 8/16/26 | Communications & Finance Committee             | Elaine Thole    | Mary Markve-Patch | Kellie Johnson / Kevin Spike |
| 8/23/26 | Deacons & Mission Committee                    | Liz Klaassen    | Kathy Quady       | Kellie Johnson / Kevin Spike |
| 8/30/26 | Worship & Music & Personnel Committee          | Kellie Johnson  | Chuck Klaassen    | Kellie Johnson / Kevin Spike |
| 9/6/26  | People of Faith & Women of Faith Bible Study   | Kathy Quady     | Larry Janski      | Larry Janski / Kevin Spike   |

# August

Buffalo Presbyterian Church

Aug 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun                                                         | Mon                         | Tue                                                                                                      | Wed                            | Thu                                                                                         | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 26                                                          | 27                          | 28                                                                                                       | 29                             | 30                                                                                          | 31  | 1   |
| 2<br>9:30am - Worship                                       | 3<br>6:30pm - Prayer Shawl  | 4<br>9am - Crafty Ladies<br>9am - Guys Breakfast                                                         | 5<br>5pm - Personnel Committee | 6<br>7:30am - People of Faith via Zoom<br>10am - Women of Faith<br>5:30pm - Racial Justice  | 7   | 8   |
| 9<br>9:30am - Worship<br>11am - Worship and Music Committee | 10                          | 11<br>9am - Crafty Ladies<br>9am - Guys Breakfast<br>1pm - Finance Committee<br>4pm - Missions Committee | 12                             | 13<br>7:30am - People of Faith via Zoom<br>10am - Women of Faith<br>5:30pm - Racial Justice | 14  | 15  |
| 16<br>9:30am - Worship<br>11am - Faith Formation            | 17<br>5pm - Deacons Meeting | 18<br>9am - Crafty Ladies<br>9am - Guys Breakfast                                                        | 19                             | 20<br>7:30am - People of Faith via Zoom<br>10am - Women of Faith<br>5:30pm - Racial Justice | 21  | 22  |
| 23<br>9:30am - Worship                                      | 24<br>12pm - Blood Drive    | 25<br>9am - Crafty Ladies<br>9am - Guys Breakfast                                                        | 26                             | 27<br>7:30am - People of Faith via Zoom<br>10am - Women of Faith<br>5:30pm - Racial Justice | 28  | 29  |
| 30<br>9:30am - Worship                                      | 31                          | 1                                                                                                        | 2                              | 3                                                                                           | 4   | 5   |

# SESSION SUMMARY

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY STATED SESSION MEETING



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

### Session Summary Highlights of the June Stated Session Meeting

#### Session was on retreat on July 11

The Session scheduled its annual retreat on Saturday, July 11, at the church at 9:00 am. The gathering allowed the group to go into more depth reflecting on BPC's mission and ministry. It took the place of the July and August stated meetings. The agenda for the retreat centered on the Project Regeneration Program that our church participated in through the Presbyterian Foundation. Foundation representative Kyle Nolan sent a follow up report to Session on some suggested steps and resources going forward. The work provided a foundation upon which we will build future plans. The Session will share the work from the retreat, along with the Project Regeneration report, with the congregation in the coming weeks.

*Ali's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm*



#### Session: Meets Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30pm

- Mike Quady: Finance Committee / Clerk of Session
- Cindy Doth: Fellowship Committee
- Jeff Pattee: Personnel Committee
- Ashton Olsen: Communications Committee
- Ralph Johansen: Worship & Music Committee
- Chuck Klaassen: Building & Grounds Committee
- Linda Shebiel: Missions Committee
- Lisa Ellwood: Faith Formation Committee
- Pastor Brian Entz: Moderator
- Mandy Harkess: Treasurer

#### Board of Deacons: Meets Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5pm

- Diane Ellis
- Kellie Johnson
- Michele Lawlor
- Tanya Jenson-DeBellis
- Lavina Pattee
- Kathy Quady







## COME AS YOU ARE

We strive to love, affirm, and celebrate all who join us, regardless of abilities, age, gender identity, race, or sexual orientation. Please join us with your whole self as we journey with Christ.

## How can we pray for you?



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

*We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter, Good News.  
For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office at  
[office@buffalopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@buffalopresbyterian.org)*

### Buffalo Presbyterian Church



507 Calder Ave NE  
Buffalo, MN 55313

Phone: 763-682-2773

Email: [office@buffalopresbyterian.org](mailto:office@buffalopresbyterian.org)  
[www.buffalopresbyterian.org](http://www.buffalopresbyterian.org)