

MAY 2026

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS



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COFFEE, CLASSES, AND CONVERSATION

May 3 Stained Glass Saints pt 2

May 10 To Be Church w/ Pr. Brian

May 17 Potluck!

May 24 Memorial Day

May 31 Summer Fellowship
Begins

CCC on May 17th will be a potluck. Bring a dish to share if you can. Stay and eat whether you bring a dish or not!



RECEIVING CHRIST IN ONE ANOTHER

Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for he is going to say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt. 25:53) And to all let due honor be shown, especially to those who share our faith (Gal. 6:10) and to pilgrims.... In the reception of the poor and pilgrims the greatest care and solicitude should be shown because it is especially in them that Christ is received. - The Rule of St. Benedict, chapter 53.

Hospitality holds a significant place in the Christian tradition and in many ancient cultures and religions. It is unfortunate that in our culture we often talk about hospitality as an industry, as if it is something that is given in exchange for pay or received only in professional spaces. The reality of hospitality is that it is a gift given, most often in a home. Many cultures and traditions have rules of hospitality that instruct people on what is to be offered, both by host and by guest.

In the Christian tradition the Rule of St. Benedict has long stood as a guide for how to live our life of faith, not just for monks and nuns, but for all followers of Christ. Benedict instructs that guests should be welcomed as we would welcome Christ (citing Matthew 25). If you would offer a drink to Christ then you should your guest as well. If you read further in Matthew 25 you see the other side of the instruction, that if a guest is not welcomed, then neither is Christ. The identity of Christ is always tied up with those who are in a position of vulnerability, need, or oppression, this includes guests. Thus we cannot separate Christ from those to whom we extend or refuse hospitality.

Hospitality is humble, in that it puts the other and their needs first. It recognizes the power differential that often exists between guest and host, in that the host is often in the place of power since the space is their's.

Hospitality is certainly a practice we need to engage with those who are literal guests and strangers in our midst, but it is also a guiding principle for how we treat one another, as we are all pilgrims on the journey of life.

Ultimately hospitality is about treating each other with kindness, humility, respect, and loving attention. Hospitality can become the pathway that leads strangers to become friends and friendship is made up of the same qualities as hospitality.

Let us greet one another with hospitality, whether we are strangers or friends, for in so doing we also greet our Lord Jesus.

-Pastor Brian

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY



9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join Us for Clean Up Day!
Let's make our church sparkle

Do you have your BPC T-shirt

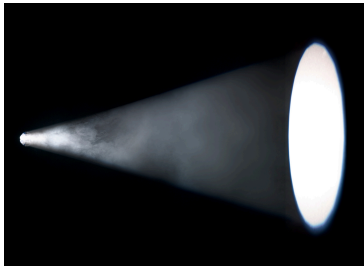
We have new proposed T-shirts. The current ones are on the table in the narthex. If you want to order a new one, please sign up by May 15th!



MISSION PAGE

It is with great love and gratitude that we thank you for donating soaps, detergents, toothpaste and shampoos. These products provide dignity and stability to so many, but it is the love and support behind your donations that feeds the souls and uplifts the hearts of the individuals and families that are slowly emerging from the fears and abductions of the past several months. It will take many more months to get everyone back on their feet. Bless you all for continuing to “see us” and “walk with us”!

At our last distribution of donations, we spread your love to nearly 50 households. Our last delivery was a house where 30 people were sharing space and sharing expenses. They were so, so, soooooo appreciative. They kept hugging and kissing us and saying, “Thank you”.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEIGHBORS FEEDING NEIGHBORS

Attention everyone!! We will be building meal kits again! Friday, June 19th at 9am.

Stay tuned for more info.

Period Packs for Synod School!

BPC will be collecting money in the month of May for Period Packs which are distributed by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Service. Once the funds are raised we will have a packing party or assemble the kits before they are dropped off at the Synod School Collection site in July.

We are aiming to assemble 20 packs, each of which costs \$27. Donations can be put in the office door, please mark the envelope or check “Period Pack”.

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Reader	Ushers
5/3/2026	Session	Charlie Wilkens	Kathy Quady	Larry Janski/Kevin Spike
5/10/2026	Choir	Kellie Johnson	Lisa Elwoods	Larry Janski/Kevin Spike
5/17/2026	Crafty Ladies	Kathy Quady	Mary Markve-Patch	Larry Janski/Kevin Spike
5/24/2026	Men's Breakfast & Building & Grounds	Elaine Thole	Aston Olsen	Larry Janski/Kevin Spike
5/31/2026	Communication & Finance	Liz Klaassen	Kathy Quady	Larry Janski/Kevin Spike



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
03 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC 12PM NEW DEACON/ELDER TRAINING	04 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	05 9am CRAFTY LADIES 9am GUYS BREAKFAST 4:00pm Host Presbytery of the Twin Cities	06 7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR	07 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	08	09
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17 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM: POTLUCK	18 5PM DEACONS	19 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM GUYS BREAKFAST 6:30 SESSION	20	21 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	22	23
24 9:30 WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC PENTACOST	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	27	28 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7:30 PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	29	30
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SESSION SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 17 STATED SESSION MEETING



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

Session Summary

Highlights of the April Stated Session Meeting and the April 26 Special Congregational Meeting

New church officers elected

The congregation elected new officers at a Special Congregational Meeting on April 26 following worship. Nominating Committee Chair Theresa Bevilaqua reported that the committee had nominated Tanya Jenson-Debellis and Michele Lawlor to serve as Deacons; and Lisa Ellwoods and Jeff Pattee to serve as Elders. The officers were all elected to three-year terms. Lawlor is serving a second term on the Board of Deacons. DeBellis-Jenson, Ellwoods, and Pattee will be serving their first terms. The new officers will be ordained and installed in June and begin their service at that time. The congregation thanked the officers who are concluding their service this month: Deacon Joan Lowe; and Elders Theresa Bevilaqua and Larry Janski.

BPC will host May presbytery meeting

Buffalo Presbyterian Church will host of the May Presbytery of the Twin Cities meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 4:00 pm. BPC members who wish to attend as observers are welcome. The meeting will feature a keynote address by the Reverend Josh Erickson, pastor of Park Ridge Presbyterian Church in Park Ridge, Illinois. He is also Moderator of the Board of the PC(USA) Presbyterian Growth Network. Josh is passionate about helping church leaders discover practical pathways toward congregational vitality and practical growth. Because it's Cinco De Mayo we will be hosting a taco dinner. A BPC choral group will also be providing music during worship. Come and see the presbytery in action. You can also check with the office if you are willing to volunteer.

Everyday at 5:07pm our elders and deacons are pausing to pray for BPC and where God is calling us in the next years of our mission and ministry together. Please join us as we discern God's leading together!

Session ~ Meets Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua ~ Finance Committee
Cindy Doth ~ Fellowship Committee
Larry Janski ~ Personnel Committee
Ashton Olsen ~ Communications Committee
Ralph Johansen ~ Worship & Music Committee
Chuck Klaassen ~ Building & Grounds Committee
Linda Shebiel ~ Missions Committee
Mike Quady ~ Faith Formation Committee / Clerk of Session
Pastor Brian Entz ~ Moderator
Mandy Harkess ~ Treasurer

Board of Deacons ~ Meets Monthly on the 3rd Monday at 5pm

Diane Ellis
Kellie Johnson
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe ~ Treasurer
Lavina Pattee
Kathy Quady





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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.

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

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