



BUFFALO *Presbyterian* CHURCH

Loving all People,
Living our Faith,
and Following Jesus



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Classes, Coffee, & Conversations

October 5th
Church Budget
Discussion

October 12th
TBD

October 19th
Pastor Brian

October 26th
Pastor's Kids

Movie Night

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, popcorn, and a great family-friendly film! On Saturday, October 25th at 6:00pm, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for Movie Night. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy a good film together, and connect with our church family. All ages are welcome!



150th Anniversary Organ Concert

Ralph Johansen has been the organist at Buffalo Presbyterian Church since 2005. He has studied with Dean Billmeyer, Diana Lee Lucker, and Howard Don Small. Ralph is a 2007 graduate of the University of Minnesota where he received a bachelor of Music degree with a major in organ performance. He is an active member of the Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as well as the Masons and the Eastern Star.



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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office at office@buffalopresbyterian.org



Every time we baptize and confirm someone we ask them this question:

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?*

In response the person to be baptized/confirmed responds by saying *I do*.

In these two simple words we express our faith in Jesus, the faith that unites us as Christians and the faith that joins us to Christ, forever. This faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior, as Christ (the Messiah), and as God incarnate, is what sets us apart from other people. Many people of various religions and no reli-

gion consider Jesus to be a wise teacher, a prophet, and even God's Messiah, but Christians alone acknowledge him as uniquely and fully God and fully human, the only Savior. It is our faith in Jesus that grounds us in our religion and makes us distinct from those of other religions and no religion.

But our faith is not just *IN* Jesus, it is also *OF* Jesus. Because of our faith in Jesus we are called to follow him and be his disciples, which means we are called to adopt the faith of Jesus. We acknowledge this in the next question asked during baptism and confirmation:

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?*

To which we hope the individual will respond by saying: *I will, with God's help.*

By answering this question in the affirmative we acknowledge our call to take on the faith of Jesus. This faith acknowledges and worships one God and loves God with the whole of one's heart, strength, soul, and mind. This faith loves neighbors as one's self, this faith puts love as the highest value and virtue in life.

Our life as Christians is very much a life built on faith, both faith *IN* and faith *OF* Jesus.

May God renew our faith, through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

-Pastor Brian

*Thank
you* ♥

Thank you so much to Session and this wonderful congregation for the financial bonus! When this is received, I will be putting this into my recent medical bills. I really appreciate this! Thank you so much!!

Blessings, Christy



BIBLE, BBQ, & BREW MEN'S RETREAT 2025

Theme: Elemental Faith

When: Oct 24-26

Where: Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center

Cost: \$225-double occupancy, \$325- single occupancy

Visit: www.clearwaterforest.org for more information

Faith *IN* and *OF* Jesus

Missions

96 Pounds of Apples

With the abundance of apples this year, 96 pounds were donated to the Buffalo Food Shelf!

Community Dinners

Thank you to all that have helped with the 4 Community Dinners! We will be taking the rest of 2025 off, but are discussing continuing them in 2026.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

Thank you to the drivers that transported warm meals to those in need! We are looking forward to helping in this way again, next September!

Immigration Aid Collaboration

BPC has undertaken a new collaboration with Wright County Immigrant Aid. WCI Immigrant Aid is a unique collaboration of community members that came together in 2025 to create WCI Immigrant Aid with the mission of helping new Americans struggling to meet their basic needs. In all cases they help those in need to seek help first from existing social services, then fill the gap they are unable to meet. This collaboration, on the part of BPC, fits with the work we are already doing in partnership with the Buffalo Food Shelf, Love INC, and others. Because of our membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area the Mission Committee was able to secure a \$10,000 grant to help WCI Immigrant Aid in caring for the basic needs of our immigrant neighbors.

We look forward to hearing more about the work of WCI Immigrant Aid and the ways we can partner with them to support our immigrant neighbors in a CCC presentation on Nov. 9th.

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

- 25% retained by congregations to support peacemaking efforts in their local communities.
- 25% retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts at the regional level.
- 50% supports peacemaking, reconciliation and global witness.

WAYS TO GIVE:

~Write a check out to BPC, comment Peace & Global on the memo line

~Use a credit card at pcusa.org/peace-global

~Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444

~BPC will collect on October 5th~

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

John 13:34



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	01 7PM ADULT CHOIR	02 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	03	04
October						
05 9:30AM WORSHIP W/ COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: CHURCH BUDGET DISCUSSION	06 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	07 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	08 7PM ADULT CHOIR	09 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	10	11
12 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC:	13	14 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG	15 7PM ADULT CHOIR	16 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	17	18
19 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR BRIAN	20 5PM DEACONS MTG	21 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION MTG	22 7PM ADULT CHOIR	23 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7:30PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MTG	24	25 4PM MOVIE NIGHT 
26 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR'S KIDS 11:30AM WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG	27	28 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	29 7PM ADULT CHOIR	30 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	31 	01

ATTENTION BAKERS!!

November 1st is fast approaching! And why is that important? It's CRAFT AND BAKE SALE DAY!!

The Crafty Ladies have been busy crafting new and favorite items to sell and now we all are asked to use our baking skills to make some delicious treats to go along with the crafts.

We will once again have our Christmas Café which has been very popular and we will be helped this year by two delightful young ladies, Ella and Lily, who are Dave and Jean Johnson's granddaughters. We will hopefully have plenty of pie slices and cinnamon rolls for shoppers to enjoy with coffee and tea before, during and after they shop!

Once again we would like a nice assortment of pies (to sell and eat), cookies, bars, breads, jellies and jams, snack mixes and candy, such as fudge and/or divinity. Our bake sale is always a very popular stop for all the shoppers.

So...ready, set, begin baking!! Pack your freezer with all those delicious goodies and let's fill our sale tables to the brim!!

Thank you for all your wonderful participation in years past. We are not only celebrating the 150th anniversary of the church, but this will be the 15th year of our craft and bake sale! We look forward to providing many interesting crafts and delicious baked items!

15th Annual
Craft & Bake Sale
Nov. 1, 2025
9am - 3pm
FIND IT, LOVE IT, BUY IT
Proceeds from this sale benefit local mission groups including
Buffalo Food Shelf, Love INC, & Rivers of Hope
DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS
QUALITY HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS
Buffalo Presbyterian Church
507 Calder Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

*Stop by the office to get your
BPC shirt! We have some
Mediums, Large, and
X-Large. Come get yours
today! These are \$15 each.*

October Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
10/5	Women of Faith Bible Study	Kathy Quady & Elaine Thole	Steve Grittmann	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/12	Racial Justice Reading Group	Larry Janski & Charlie Wilkens	Ashton Olsen	Chuck Klaassen	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/19	Communications Committee	Liz Klaassen & Kellie Johnson	Chuck Klaassen	Mike Quady	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike
10/26	Finance Committee	Mike Quady & Elaine Thole	Larry Janski	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike



Session Summary

Highlights of the September 16th Stated Session Meeting

Session Reviews 2026 Preliminary Budget

The Session discussed the preliminary budget for the coming year. The budget lists expenditures of 206,000. The budget represents a two percent increase over the current year's budget. Elders reviewed individual committee budgets in August and September, and submitted them to Treasurer Mandy Harkess. The budget will be the topic of the October 5 Coffee, Classes, and Conversation following worship. Congregants will see the breakdown of expenses planned for the coming year. Members will have another chance to comment on the budget at a special congregational meeting in December.

Please Pay Your Per Capita (if you haven't)

In the budget discussion, Treasurer Harkess reported that per capita giving is lagging behind what was pledged for this year. Per capita is a \$40/member assessment that supports the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly's programs. The Session has committed to paying our full amount based on our 90 person membership. Any of the \$3600 total annual per capita not paid by members will come from the general budget. If you haven't paid your per capita please do so as soon as possible. Please note on your payment that it is specifically for "per capita." Thank you!

Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua
Cindy Doth
Larry Janski
Ashton Olsen
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



Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 5:00pm

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

* Treasurer



To contribute to our mission and ministry 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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