

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS



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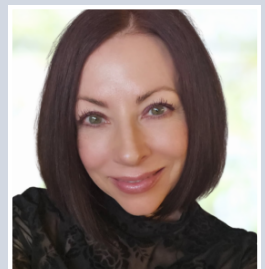


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Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

Welcome Our New Administrative Assistant

Alissa Cedergren, aka Ali, recently joined Buffalo Presbyterian Church, and is thrilled to have the opportunity to help others, and facilitate all things office and church related. In her free time, you can find Ali writing, spending time outdoors in nature, cuddling with her pets, composing and performing music, and spending time with her husband, family and friends.





250 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

As our nation celebrates its 250th year we have much in our history for which we can give God thanks, one particular piece of law for which we should be grateful is the first amendment.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. -The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America

This amendment has served to protect various liberties of people in our nation, of particular concern to the Church is the protection of religious liberty. The Rev. Roger Williams, who was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for advocating religious tolerance, made the point in 1644 that state endorsed or mandated religion is bad for both church and state.

“An enforced uniformity of religion throughout a nation or state, confounds the civil and religious, denies the principles of Christianity and civility, and that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.”

Since our relationship with Christ is founded in faith it is one that cannot be coerced and thus can best be offered to people fully and freely in a land where there is religious liberty for all. This liberty means that we live in the midst of difference, difference in expressions of the Christian faith and difference in the expression of other faiths and no faith. The differences of faith mean that to truly be a democracy of all the people the state cannot be bound by any one religion. Thus both church and state are best served by the continuation of this liberty and the First Amendment in which it is enshrined.

Separation of church and state allows both parties (and all the people who make them up) the liberty of conscience and practice and keeps them from being unduly bound by the other. The religious liberty and the separation of church and state found within the American experiment is, in my opinion, an important quality of our democracy and a true gift of the founders. At this grand and solemn anniversary I hope that we not only express our gratitude for this gift, but also recommit ourselves to upholding and further strengthening this liberty which we possess.

In this 250th year of our nation may God bless us and these United States, may we be ever faithful in our discipleship to our Lord Jesus Christ and may we always strive for a land where all have the liberty to practice the religion (or no religion) of their choice.

SAVE THE DATE!



Represent BPC

Ellison Park, Monticello, MN

July 18th from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Sign up outside the office to help staff the church table and represent BPC at Wright Sherburne Pride on July 18th. The festival runs 11am-3pm, with set up and take down our total time that day will be 9:30am till 3:30-4pm.



Worship in the Park

Sturges Park, Buffalo, MN

July 19th from 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Join us July 19th at Sturges Park for a morning of praise and worship in the park. Spirit of Joy will be joining us in our worship service.



Community Meal

July 25th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

We will be hosting a free community meal July 25th - please join us for a wonderful evening of food, fun, and community spirit.



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.

Place: Clearwater Forest, Deerwood, MN

Cost: \$160.00 plus meals

August 1: Deposit of \$100.00

September 1: Remainder of the cost

For information on scholarships contact Pastor Brian.



MISSION PAGE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with great love and gratitude that we thank you for your continued faithfulness to our missions projects. Here are some missions numbers for the first half of 2026:

<u>MISSION PROJECT</u>	<u>STATS</u>
January Community Meal	65 Served
Neighbors Feeding Neighbors March Meal Pack	48 Meals Packed
Spring Community Rent Assistance	\$239.86
March Blood Drive	56 Pints Collected
April Community Meal	69 Served
PDA Period Pack Assembly	20 Packs Packed / \$829 Raised (excess donated to help with kits/packs to be assembled at Synod School)
Neighbors Feeding Neighbors June Meal Pack	100 Meals Packed / \$570 Raised
Other (non-tracked items)	Soaps collected for WCIA + food and money collected for Buffalo Food Shelf

JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	COFFEE TIME	GREETERS	LAY LEADER	USHERS
7/5/2026	Racial Justice Reading Group	Elaine Thole / Larry Janski	Theresa Bevilacqua	Kathy Quady / Kevin Spike
7/12/26	Session	Liz Klaassen	Barb Janski	Kathy Quady / Kevin Spike
7/19/26	Choir	Kellie Johnson	Mike Quady	Kathy Quady / Kevin Spike
7/26/26	Worship in the Park	Kathy Quady	TBD	Kathy Quady / Kevin Spike
8/2/26	Crafty Ladies	Larry Janski	Lisa Ellwoods	Kellie Johnson / Kevin Spike

July

Buffalo Presbyterian Church

Jul 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - Worship	29	30 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast	1	2 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	3	4
5 9:30am - Worship	6 6:30pm - Prayer Shawl	7 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 6:30pm - Faith Formation	8 11am - Personnel	9 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	10	11 9am - Session Retreat
12 9:30am - Worship 11:00am - Faith Formation Meeting	13	14 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 1pm - Finance Committee 5pm - Missions	15	16 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice	17	18 11am - Pride Festival
19 9:30am - Worship in the Park	20	21 9am - Crafty Ladies 9am - Guys Breakfast 6:30pm - Session Meeting	22	23 10am - Women of Faith 5:30pm - Racial Justice 7:30pm - Communications	24	25 5:30pm - Community Meal
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SESSION SUMMARY

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 19 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 will “retreat” on July 11

The Session scheduled its annual retreat on Saturday, July 11, at the church at 9:00 am. The gathering allows the group to go into more depth on mission and ministry issues. It will also take the place of July and August’s regular stated meetings. Although the agenda for the retreat is still developing, it’s expected that much of the conversation will involve the Project Regeneration Program that our church participated in through the Presbyterian Foundation. Foundation representative Kyle Nolan should have a final report on the discussions he had with the Session this spring. The work will provide 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.

Jenson family takes over janitorial duties

Tanya DeBellis Jenson along with her daughters have volunteered to take over weekly cleaning at the church. The Session ended its contract with our cleaning service on June 30. The change will save about \$4,000 in the annual budget. Be sure to thank the family for this commitment. Do all you can to help keep things neat and lighten their load.

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

- 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 3rd 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
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