



BUFFALO Presbyterian CHURCH



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Buffalo Presbyterian Church

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- 9:30AM April 13 | Palm Sunday Choral Cantata
- 7:00PM April 17 | Maundy Thursday Service
- 7:00PM April 18 | Good Friday Service
- 9:30AM April 20 | Easter Sunday Service

Easter Breakfast

APRIL 20, 2025
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM

Classes, Coffee, & Conversations

April 6
Pastor Brian

April 13
Coffee & Conversations

April 20
Happy Easter!

April 27
Habitat for Humanity

I Am the Lord of the Dance

The classic hymn, The Lord of the Dance, is a metaphor of the life of Christ. The song describes Jesus as The Piper, calling his followers to the dance of life. “I Am the Lord of the Dance,” a musical by Joel Raney, is an elaboration on that hymn, portraying each verse individually in a dramatic, colorful presentation—all retelling the story from John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

PALM SUNDAY
CHORAL CANTATA

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 13TH AT 9:30AM

The BPC Choir will present “I Am the Lord of the Dance” on Sunday, April 13 at 9:30. The choir will be joined by instrumentalists; Dawn Agre, flute, Terri Svec, oboe, Sarah Braith, violin, Andrew Burgdorf, cello, and Ralph Johansen, piano. Kathy Quady and Larry Janski will be the narrators. Please join us as we share the exciting story.

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office.



this year from April 29th - July 28th. During my time away much of the church's activities will continue under leadership from the congregation and the support of nearby pastors. We'll have

Throughout scripture we see examples of and teachings regarding dedicated time of renewal for a person or community. In the midst of his ministry Jesus retreats to remote places by himself or with a small group of disciples to pray. In the Hebrew Bible, following the Exodus from Egypt, we are given the command to keep sabbath, with God's resting after creation as our example. The laws given to the Israelites in the wilderness include not only the weekly sabbath day, but also a sabbath year and a jubilee year.* Following these scriptural teachings and examples the church has had customs that allow for pastors and other leaders, as well as communities, to take time for renewal, rest, and reflection.

Thanks to the commitments of BPC and the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area I have the ability to take a sabbatical

different people from inside and outside BPC present to lead worship, preach, and preside over Holy Communion. There will be Elders, Deacons, and other congregational leaders ready to handle questions, concerns, and needs that arise as I'm away. Look for more detailed information regarding coverage during my sabbatical later in April and then again in the May newsletter.

During my sabbatical I will be out of communication with the congregation to allow me to fully unplug from my ministry with you all. I intend to engage in relaxation, travel, time with friends and family, and deeper spiritual practices all with the goal of rest and renewal in my life and ministry. Some of my planned sabbatical activities include time with family at a reunion of my Dad's side of the family, travel to new places (Scotland and Mas-

sachusetts) to learn, explore, and rest, and time away with friends. Particularly I hope to engage in deeper prayer practices as well as taking a retreat at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville.

To help myself focus during my sabbatical, so that it is more than just time away, I have chosen to engage the theme: ***"Deep Roots and a Way Forward:"*** *a sabbatical reflecting on history, spirituality, and how I can learn from our past for the healing of our future.*

This focus has impacted the selection of places I go, books I read, and the overall ways I spend my time. The history of my family, of the church, and of our country all have impacts on my life and ministry. While we don't always do a good job holding the tension of it, our history holds the good and bad, the virtue and sin, of our ancestors and that history impacts our life today. My hope is to reflect on ways that we can engage our history in ways that help to heal the present and future. The healing needed in our world goes well beyond the physical healing of bodies. Healing was an integral part of Jesus' ministry and has been an

important part of the Church's ministry over the ages. My hope is that I come away from my time of renewal with new insights into the ways I and we can engage in healing work in our congregation, community, and world.

I covet your prayers for me in the lead up to, as well as during, my sabbatical. I will most certainly be keeping BPC and each of you who are a part of this wonderful congregation in my prayers as I am away. I already look forward to my return in hope and anticipation for where God will lead us.

I trust that in my absence you all are more than capable, with God's help, to continue Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Brian

*See Leviticus 25

Deep Roots and a Way Forward

Missions

Free Community Spaghetti Supper

Our next Free Community Spaghetti Supper will be April 5th from 4:30pm to 6pm.

There is a sign up sheet outside the office for vol-

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Blood Drive had 45 units of blood; six people gave “Double Reds” which is more. **August 13 will be the next blood drive.** Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this and to Mike and Kathy for taking down and setting up tables and chairs!

Sponsor a Backpack

In Celebration of the 150th anniversary of BPC, we are hoping to donate 150 backpacks with supplies to the Buffalo Food Shelf. These will be given to students in the fall. Each backpack is \$10.00. The Backpack Drive will be from **March 9th through April 20th.**

One Great Hour of Sharing

Help provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This special offering is during the Lenten season, from **March 5th through April 20th.** Your gifts will be used in three life-saving programs in over 100 countries:

Presbyterian Hunger Program-

Share your bread with the hungry

Self-Development of People-

Loose the bonds of injustice

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance-

Restore streets to live in

To give: please write a check to BPC and put *OGHS* on the memo line, online at pcusa.org/give-oghs, or text *OGHS* to 910999.



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APR 5th

4:30pm - 6pm

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
507 CALDER AVE NE, BUFFALO, MN



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\$10.00 per backpack

March 9th -April 20th

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

John 13:34

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	01 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	02 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	03 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	04	05 4:30PM COMMUNITY SPAGHETTI SUPPER
06 9:30AM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: PASTOR BRIAN 11:30AM WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MTG	07 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	08 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5:00PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MTG 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	09 10:30AM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MTG 6:00PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	10 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7:00PM SPOT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS	11	12
13 9:30AM WORSHIP: "I AM THE LORD OF THE DANCE" CHORAL CANTATA 10:30AM CCC: COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS	14 5PM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG	15 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION	16 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR	17 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	18 7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	19
20 <i>HAPPY EASTER!</i> 8:30AM 150TH PLANNING MEETING 8:30AM EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30AM WORSHIP	21 4PM DEACONS MTG	22 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	23 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR	24 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	25	26 8:30AM SPRING CLEAN UP DAY
27 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	28	29 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	30 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR	01	02	03

Lenten Soup Suppers

We will be sharing our Soup Suppers with our friends at Spirit of Joy. These suppers will be from 6-7:30pm. The sign up sheet is out in the Narthex. To practice hospitality towards those with dietary restrictions, please fill out the ingredient list and bring with your soup. Please sign up to help set up, clean up, or bring a soup to share. We will be joined by SOJ and they are also signing up to help. This will be a great opportunity to continue getting to know our siblings in Christ. Following the soup suppers, join us in a discussion and reflection. This year's Lenten theme is: A House Divided and a World on Fire. We will be learning lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer.



Lenten Soup Suppers

WEDNESDAYS
MARCH 12-APRIL 9
6:00PM-7:30PM

Re-Forming “Normal”: Expanding HOPE



It's time to start thinking about Synod School! This annual gathering will take place on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake Iowa from July 20-25. Synod School is an all ages conference with worship, classes, and activities for all ages and interests. Here is the link for more information and to register, [Synod School | Lakes & Prairies](#)

There are some scholarships available through the Synod and the Session has made \$100 scholarships available for BPC folks. Please talk to Pastor Brian for more information. If you have questions about what Synod School is like you may contact Mike and Kathy Quady. Registration is now open.

From Our Treasurer

Below is the pledged giving update through the end of March 2025.

2025 YTD Pledged Giving Update			
	Pledged	Given	%
General Fund	134,310	32,926	25%
Building Fund	5,600	428	8%
Per Capita	1,720	757	44%

We have also received an additional \$6,231 in Non-Pledged giving to date.

Please log into [OnRealm.com](#) to see your personal giving to date.

Spring Clean-up Day

Our BPC Spring Clean-up Day will be Saturday, April 26, beginning at 8:30 am. We'll conclude with lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Come when you can, stay as long as you want. It will include both indoor and outdoor projects, some very easy ones and some that require a bit more physical effort. We need all the help we can get! Our cleanup day coincides with the City of Buffalo Spring Clean-up Days so we will be hauling any junk or obsolete items to the city that morning. We encourage you to look around the church and identify any of those "haul-away" items. If you have any questions, please see Chuck Klaassen.



April Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers
4/6	Worship & Music Committee	Liz Klaassen & Larry Janski	Ashton Olsen	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
4/13	Deacons	Larry Pattee & Elaine Thole	Kathy Quady & Larry Janski	Mike Quady	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
4/17	Maundy Thursday-7PM				
4/18	Good Friday-7PM				
4/20	Crafty Ladies	Liz Klaassen & Kathy Quady	Theresa Bevilacqua	Eric Ellwoods	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
4/27	Choir	Mike Quady & Larry Pattee	Eric Ellwoods	Chuck Klaassen	Kellie Johnson & Kevin Spike
5/4	Fellowship Committee	Charlie Wilkens & Liz Klaassen	Kellie Johnson	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike

SPOT~Stations of the Cross

As we prepare for Holy Week and the remembrance of Jesus' passion and death you are invited to join us as we pray through the Stations of the Cross. The stations are a meditative prayer that takes us from Jesus' trail to his death and burial.

We will gather at 7PM on Thursday, April 10th. See you then!

Spiritual Practices Of Today (SPOT) 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.

SPOT
Spiritual Practices of Today

APRIL 10, 2025
7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Session Summary

Highlights of the March 18 Stated Session Meeting

Session works on plans for sabbatical

While Pastor Brian uses his sabbatical to refresh, reflect, and learn, our congregation won't be waiting idly for his end-of-July return.

The Session is making plans to focus on a particular theme to discuss while Pastor Brian is away. For the past few months Elders have been discussing possible themes the congregation might explore. This may include a discussion during worship on a particular Sunday and it might involve outside leadership. Additionally,

the Session is considering a fellowship event during the May-July period. Keep watching for more information on our plans to refresh, reflect, and learn during the pastor's sabbatical. If you have any ideas, please share them with one of the Elders on Session.

Property plans move forward

The property the church is considering for sale is currently being appraised. Once a valuation is set on the land, we can consider how it might be used. As soon as we receive the appraisal the Session will submit the information to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area Board of Trustees. They will assign a liaison to us which will help us move forward in the process.

Session

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm

Theresa Bevilacqua
Cindy Doth
Don Eddy
Larry Janski
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



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

Board of Deacons

Meets monthly on the third Monday at 4:00pm

Barb Janski*
Liz Klaassen
Michele Lawlor
Joan Lowe*
Lavina Pattee
Kathy Quady

* Treasurer



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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