



Back To School Prayer

Holy God, as seasons change and new school years start we ask your blessing on all who are starting another year of school.

God of welcome and wonder, in Jesus you welcomed the children to you, we pray that all the children will feel welcomed at the start of this school year and will be able to approach subjects new and old with wonder and curiosity.

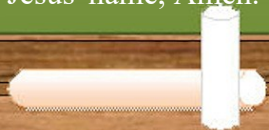
God of wisdom and knowledge, we pray for those teachers, assistants, and administrators who dedicate their time, their knowledge, and their wisdom to the learning and development of their students. Bless their work and renew their passion.

God whom Jesus called Abba, Father, as you love us with a mother's love bless the parents and guardians who send their children off to school for the first, fifth, fifteenth, or twentieth time, that they may support, encourage, and nurture their child's growth.

God of every age, you accompany us through the whole of life, be present with those who begin new journeys of learning; for the kindergartners, the high school freshmen, and those young adults off to college or trade school for the first time.

In gratitude for the opportunity to learn and to pass on what we have learned, we give you praise.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



BPC Adult Choir (Gr. 9 and up)

Rehearsals begin Wed, Sept 7

7:00 pm

BPC Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to come and lift their voice in song. No previous experience necessary!!

Questions see Mike Agre or any choir member



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a bonfire on October 8th. Watch for more info

*We hope you enjoy our monthly newsletter, **The New Times**.
For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC Office*

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My parents first met at church. Numerous of my family members have and still do sing in church choirs, serve on church committees, attend or teach Bible studies and classes, and participate in mission work. Church life is in my DNA.

Growing up we were at church every Sunday and most of the time we were there at least one other day during the week. It didn't take too long before I knew the building like the back of my hand and knew all the staff, choir members, and many (though not nearly all, I grew up in a big church) others at Highland Presbyterian. It's fair to say I grew up saturated in church.

Church was a place, a community, and a part of life for me. Like many Presbyterians I eventually was old enough to take part in confirmation, where I would name and claim Jesus and church for myself. It was an intentional step on my part, but the 15 years preceding the one year class had way more to do with my formation and confirmation than 9 months of sitting in a classroom for one hour a week and talking about faith, theology, and the Bible. Confirmation helped bring to the surface of my head and heart what was already in my blood and bones.

This fall we have a new group of students beginning the confirmation process at BPC. Like me and so many others, none of them are new to church and each of them have their own unique experiences of our community of faith. Over the next school year they will have the opportunity to think, pray, and question what it means to be Christian and what it means to be church. We'll explore who God and Jesus are, what the Bible and church are, and what it looks like to live following Jesus as a member of the church.

Throughout the next several months I invite you to think about your own confirmation process, whether that was in an official class or an organic series of decisions you made about taking on the Christian faith for yourself. How has God built on that initial confirmation in the time since, stretching you, growing you, deepening your faith? And how has and is God using you to help stretch, grow and deepen the faith of others?

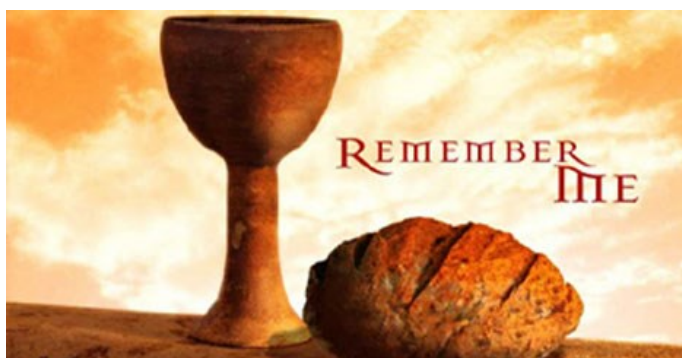
I urge your prayers for these students, that they may experience God and learn how Jesus is calling them to follow him. I urge your prayers for their parents and family as they continue to support and nurture their students. I urge your prayers for their confirmation mentors who will walk alongside these students over the coming months. Lastly I urge your prayers for myself and others who will lead and guide the confirmation process.

Confirmation is just the start of taking one's faith into one's own hands, it's the beginning of what will hopefully be a lifetime of following Jesus as part of the Church. It's an exciting time and I look forward to the questions, curiosity, wisdom and insight our students will share over the next year.

To God be the glory!

-Pastor Brian

Communion will be on September 11th due to the Labor Day holiday





LOVE INC

Love INC is part of a national organization of 130 affiliates with seven in Minnesota. There are 18 churches involved, and it acts as a clearing house to help people in need, i.e., gas cards, relief, rehabilitation and personal development. Their Director, Jonathan Parker, notes that homelessness has increased in Buffalo, and they helped 30 people this winter to obtain temporary housing.

LOVE INC has people/places that help with drug and addiction problems and mental-health issues. They identify needs and have volunteers who help with auto repair and minor home repair, and give vouchers to people for their Thrift Store. The Thrift Store, which is very nice, is located at 16 1ST Ave., S. Buffalo.

Hours: 11:00 – 5:00 Wednesday – Friday, and Saturday 11:00-4:00. They can use volunteers at the store for sales and for sorting. LOVE INC is having a Gala on November 5 at the St. Francis Education Center in the gym.



PDA: PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Severe flooding impacted Kentucky, Missouri and Virginia in late July. PDA has processed grants and deployed National Response Team members to affected areas. In Eastern Kentucky, we anticipate this being a long-term response, with information on volunteer hosting to come. Our One Great Hour of Sharing helps the PDA programs. They also ask for our prayers. (PCUSA)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A thank you to all our volunteers for the blood drive. The Red Cross successfully hit their goal of getting **52 units** which can help up to 156 patients. Well done!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Don't forget the Women's Retreat, September 23-25. A wonderful time of fellowship, learning, good food, and relaxation. Sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

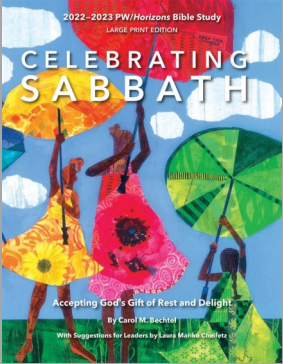
BPC SPECIAL EVENTS

September means "new beginnings." Please be sure to read herein about all of the wonderful, new events. Many mission-related activities.

September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 7:30a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p Communications Committee Meeting 7:00p Jump Start Choir Rehearsal	2	3
4 9:30a Worship	5 Labor Day 6:30p Prayer Shawl Group 7:00p AA Meeting	6 9:00a Crafty Ladies 6:00p Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	7 5:30p Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00p Adult Choir	8 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group 7:00p Faith Formation Committee Meeting	9	10
11 9:30a Worship with Communion 10:30a Fall Fun Fest	12 5:30p Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00p AA Meeting 7:00p PEO	13 9:00a Crafty Ladies 5:00p Finance Committee Meeting 6:30p Missions Committee Meeting	14 7:00p Adult Choir	15 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group	16	17 10:00a SPOT-Stations of the Cross
18 9:30a Worship 10:30a Classes, Coffee & Conversations: Racial Justice 1:30p Confirmation	19 6:00p Deacons Meeting 6:30p Buffalo Art Guild 7:00p AA Meeting	20 9:00a Crafty Ladies 6:30p Session	21 7:00p Adult Choir	22 7:30a Women of Faith 10:00a Women of Faith 5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group	23 Women's Retreat	24 Women's Retreat
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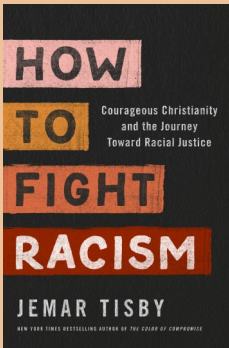
Adult Faith Formation



2022-2023 PW/Horizons Bible Study
LARGE PRINT EDITION
CELEBRATING SABBATH
Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight
By Carol M. Beebe
With Suggestions for Leaders by Laura Marler Charlet

Women of Faith
10:00 am
Thursdays

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 8



HOW TO FIGHT RACISM
Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice
JEMAR TISBY
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE COLOR OF COMFORT

Racial Justice
Reading Group
5:30 pm
Thursdays

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 1



SPOT

Saturday, September 17th
10:00am

Spiritual Practices Of Today is a new monthly Faith Formation offering that will focus on various spiritual practices we can use to grow deeper in our faith and relationship with God.

We plan to meet at the King's House: Christ the King Retreat Center in order to use their outdoor Stations of the Cross. In the case of inclement weather we will meet in the BPC sanctuary. King's House is located at 621 First Avenue South, Buffalo, MN 55313. Come join us as we learn to prayerfully reflect on Jesus' crucifixion and death.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us on Tuesday October 25th at 7pm in the Sanctuary as we reflect on the spiritual practice from September and learn about our October practice, Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer gives us a tool to still ourselves so that we might be more aware of God's presence and better listen for what God is saying to us.

Youth Faith Formation

Confirmation students will be meeting on September 18th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the youth room.



Pray & Play will be starting up again! All kids are welcome! We are looking for volunteers to help with this. Please let Christy know if you would like to help. Thank you!

September Volunteer Schedule

Service Date	Building Cleaning	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers	Pray & Play
9/4	Vanderheiden Family	Charlie Wilkens & Linda Shebiel	Eric Ellwoods	Mary Coleman	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike	NA
9/11	Diane Ellis	Dave & Jean Johnson	Liz Klaassen/ Larry Pattee	Steve Grittman	Chuck Klaassen	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike	NA
9/18	Becky & Don Eddy	Marlene Aldrich/ Linda Shebiel	Mike Quady/ Al DeBellis	Eric Ellwoods	Mike Quady	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike	Cindy Doth
9/25	Deb Anderson/ Kathy Quady	Michele Lawlor/ Mary Markve-Patch	Elaine Thole/ Charlie Wilkens	Ashton Olsen	Eric Ellwoods	Kathy Quady & Kevin Spike	NA
10/2	Liz & Chuck Klaassen	Lois Lindstrom/ Elaine Thole	Eric Ellwoods/ Dave Johnson	Barb Janski	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike	NA

CLASSES, COFFEE, AND CONVERSATIONS

SEPTEMBER 11 ~ FALL FUN FEST

SEPTEMBER 18 ~ RACIAL JUSTICE READING

SEPTEMBER 25~ TGIF



Fall Fun Fest

Mark your calendars now for the BPC Fall Fun Fest after worship on Sunday, September 11. We're trying a little different twist on the traditional church potluck, making it a Brunch Potluck. Yes you can still bring your favorite traditional potluck dish, but we also would encourage you to think Breakfast Brunch, sweet or savory. Activities will also include a showcase of our various Faith Formation options available here at BPC, and even a fun little activity with a chance to win some fabulous prizes. Don't miss it -- it's going to be a great day at BPC! Watch for more info over the next couple of weeks.

Session Summary

Highlights of the August 16 Stated Meeting

Session approves preliminary 2023 budget

The Session approved a preliminary budget for 2023. The budget calls for expenditures of \$177,516. The budget may be modified based on income projections following this fall's stewardship campaign. The budget is approximately \$11,000 higher than the 2022 budget. It includes a three percent salary increase for personnel and inflationary costs projected by the Building and Grounds Committee. BPC members will have an opportunity to discuss and comment on the budget on October 2.

Summer fellowship events are successful

Fellowship events in June and July drew good numbers according to a report from the Fellowship Committee. The S'mores hymn sing drew 20-25 people on June 11. The July 4th picnic entertained 25-30 people with fellowship, food, and games. The next event will be the Fun Fest on Sunday, September 11, following worship. The committee has a goal of providing fellowship events every month.

Church will explore new cleaning procedures

The Session had approved hiring a janitorial service to clean the church weekly. However the service withdrew their proposal due to a misunderstanding. The Building and Grounds Committee will look at new alternatives to keeping the building clean while respecting the time and energy of the volunteers who do this important maintenance.



Session

*Meets monthly on the third
Tuesday at 6:30 pm*

Theresa Bevilacqua
Mary Coleman
Cindy Doth
Don Eddy
Jill Gatzke
Chuck Klaassen
Mary Markve-Patch
Ralph Johansen
Kathy Quady
Mike Quady
Pastor Brian Entz

Finance Committee
Communication Committee
Education & Youth Committee
Building & Grounds Committee
At Large
Fellowship Committee
Worship & Music Committee
Missions Committee
Personnel Committee
Clerk of Session
Moderator

Board of Deacons

*Meets monthly on the third
Monday at 6:00 pm*

Diane Ellis*
Barb Janski*
Liz Klaassen
Louise Markve
Elaine Thole
George Thole

Deacon Treasurer*

*Please note that our Church Treasurer is Mandy Harkess.



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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.

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