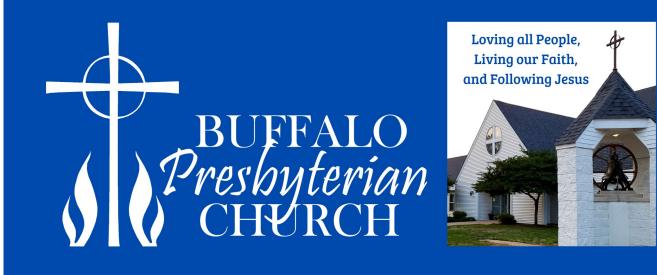
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THE NEW TIMES



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Wrapped in Love led by Kelly Bares

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

For comments and suggestions, please contact the BPC office at office@buffalopresbyterian.org The office will be closed on May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial day. Have a fun and safe holiday!





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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 a conference with worship, classes, and activities for all ages and interests. Here is the link for more information and to register, <u>Synod School</u> <u>Lakes & Prairies</u>

There are some scholarships available through the Synod and the Session has made \$100 scholarships available for BPC folks. Please talk to Mike Quady for more information. If you have questions about what Synod School is like you may contact Mike and Kathy Quady. Registration is now open and must be received by July 1st!





During my sabbatical so many people will be stepping up to help lead and serve in my stead. I want to recognize them all here with immense gratitude.

Preaching and Leading Worship:

~Rev. Chad Jones, chaplain and minister member of the presbytery

~Lisa Ellwoods, BPC member

~Pat Olsen, BPC member

~Rev. Stephanie Friant, chaplain and minister member of the presbytery

~Rev. Anna Kendig Flores, Co-Bridge Executive Presbyter and Anti-Racism Coordinator

~Mike Agre, BPC Music Director

~Ralph Johansen, BPC Organist and Session member

~BPC Choir, musicians, and lay leaders

Congregational Care:

- ~Deacon Barb Janski
- ~Deacon Liz Klaassen
- ~Deacon Kathy Quady
- ~Deacon Michele Lawlor
- ~Deacon Joan Lowe
- ~Deacon Lavina Pattee
- ~Deacon elect Diane Ellis
- ~Deacon elect Kellie Johnson

- ~Pastor Sarah Bunge, Spirit of Joy
- ~Pastor Gale Reitan, United Pres. Church of Rock-ford
- ~Pastor Dan Voigt, First Pres. Maple Plain
- ~Pastor Joanna Hipp, Plymouth Presbyterian
- ~Pastor TJ Shirley, Calvin Pres. Church of Long Lake

~Rev. Chad Jones, chaplain and minister member of the presbytery

Congregational Leadership:

- ~Elder Don Eddy
- ~Elder Ralph Johansen
- ~Elder Chuck Klaassen
- $\sim\!\! \text{Elder Cindy Doth}$
- ~Elder Larry Janski
- ~Elder Theresa Bevilacqua
- ~Elder Linda Shebiel
- ~Elder Mike Quady, Clerk of Session
- ${\sim} \text{Elder}$ elect Ashton Olsen

~Rev. Richard Buller, Session moderator and minister member of the presbytery

Congregational Admin.

 $\sim\!\!\mathrm{Mandy}$ Harkess, BPC Treasurer

~The Personnel Committee

And **HUGE** thanks to Christy Wood, our amazing administrative assistant who already does so much to make our mission and ministry a reality here at BPC.

I am so grateful to be able to minister to and with all the wonderful people of Buffalo Presbyterian Church and colleagues in and beyond the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. My prayers are with you all as I am away and I am sure that God will be with you every step of every day.

The Blessings of our Triune God be with each and every one of you!

Pastor Brian

~Pastor Brian's Sabbatical is from <u>April 29th through July 28th</u>~

Missions

Backpacks Sponsored

In Celebration of the 150th anniversary of BPC, we will be donating 208 backpacks with supplies to the Buffalo Food Shelf, exceeding our goal by 58 backs! These will be given to students in the fall. We will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks** during our August 3rd worship service at 9:30am. Thank you for all the donations!

Free Community Spaghetti Supper

Our April Spaghetti Supper was another successful event! About 87 people came to enjoy this meal! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with this! Get ready to join us on July 5th for good food and night away from your stove.

Pentecost Special Offerings

Help provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ. This special offering is from **April 21st through June 8th**.

40% stays with our congregation

To support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV)

Serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service

25% supports Ministries with Youth

Including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium

10% is devoted to children-at-risk

And supports efforts to improve education and provide safe havens

To give:

- * please write a check to BPC & put *Pentecost* on the memo line
- * online at pcusa.org/give/Pentecost
- * text PENTECOST to 910999.





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

John 13:34

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
27	28	29	30	01 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	02	03			
04 9:30AM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 10:30AM CCC: LEGACY PLANNING	05 6:30PM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP	06 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MTG	07 7:30PM ADULT CHOIR	08 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	09	10			
11 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: WHO AM I?	12 5PM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MTG	13 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 5:00PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	14 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR	15 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	16	17			
18 8:30AM 150TH PLANNING MEETING 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM CCC: WRAPPED IN LOVE LED BY KELLY BARES	19 4PM DEACONS MTG 7PM SPOT: LECTIO DIVINA	20 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 6:30PM SESSION	21	22 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP 7PM COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	23	24			
25 9:30AM WORSHIP	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27 9AM CRAFTY LADIES 9AM MEN'S BREAKFAST	28	29 7:30AM PEOPLE OF FAITH 10AM WOMEN OF FAITH 5:30PM RACIAL JUSTICE READING GROUP	30	31			



May Volunteer Schedule								
Service Date	Coffee Time	Greeters	Lay Leader	Sound Board	Ushers			
5/4	Fellowship Committee	Charlie Wilkens & Liz Klaassen	Kellie Johnson	Mike Quady	Larry Janski &Kevin Spike			
5/11	Session	Kellie Johnson	Kathy Quady	Eric Ellwoods	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike			
5/18	Building & Grounds Committee	Mike & Kathy Quady	NA	Chuck Klaassen	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike			
5/25	Faith Formation Committee	Elaine Thole & Charlie Wilkens	Larry Janski	Mike Quady	Larry Janski & Kevin Spike			
6/1	People of Faith Bible Study	Liz Klaassen & Kellie Johnson	Lisa Ellwoods	Eric Ellwoods	Dave Johnson & Kevin Spike			

SPOT~Lectio Divina

Join us for SPOT on **May 19 at 7 pm** where we will learn about the practice of "divine reading", Lectio Divina. This SPOT will be offered both in person and via Zoom.

This is a practice that can deepen your relationship with God and help you hear his voice in your daily life.

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.



Session Summary

Highlights of the April 15 Stated Session Meeting

Session works on plans for sabbatical

The Session would like to use our 150th anniversary year and Pastor Brian's sabbatical time to look at where Buffalo Presbyterian Church has been and where we might be headed. The next few months will begin a time of discernment about our future mission and ministry. We will be asking the congregation to consider who we are, why we do the things we do, what opportunities and challenges face us, and how all of this might indicate our direction in the future. We hope you all will think about these things and share them in the coming weeks as we seek to continue a strong and relevant ministry.

Officers approved for ordination and installation

At a special meeting in March, the congregation elected Ralph Johansen, Chuck Klaassen and Ashton Olsen to serve three-year-terms as Elders on Session. They also voted for Diane Ellis and Kellie Johnson to serve three-year terms on the Board of Deacons. The Session examined the officers and approved them for ordination and installation on June 1 during Sunday worship. Johnson is a new Deacon and will be ordained and installed. Ellis, Johansen, Klaassen, and Olsen have previously served in their respective offices and will be installed. Their terms begin on June 1.

Committee liaisons are chosen

Each Elder serves on a church committee as a liaison and/or chair to the committee. There will be a slight change in committee assignments when Don Eddy finishes his term this spring. The committee assignments for 2025-2026 are:

Building and Grounds–Chuck Klaassen Fellowship-Cindy Doth Personnel– Larry Janski Communications–Ash Olsen Finance–Theresa Bevilaqua Worship and Music– Ralph Johansen Faith Formation–Mike Quady Mission–Linda Shebiel

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



Board of Deacons

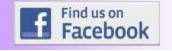
Meets monthly on the third Monday at 4:00pm

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



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





 B_{uffalo} 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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