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:: Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
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Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption

Pastor Max Frazier

November 5 – *Elijah – Passing the Torch to a New Generation* **1 Kings 19-2 Kings 2 (Faith@Home Sunday)**

From a cave wishing for death to a chariot of fire entering into glory, the story of Elijah concludes with drama and flair. First, we enter into the cave of his despair and come to grips with the fact that God usually accomplishes His work in ordinary ways. And, part of that ordinary work is to prepare to pass the torch to the next generation. Elijah did this with Elisha. I did it with my children. You have done it with your children. Elisha's request of Elijah as they walked those final miles together is powerful. In essence Elisha is saying, "Elijah, I want to do more than you did." Is that not what we with the next generation would say as we pass the torch to them: "We want to do more than what you did?" Even Jesus told His disciples that they would do greater things than He had done.

November 12 – *Elisha – God's Tool of Grace and Judgment* **2 Kings 3-13**

This morning we want to walk in the footsteps of Elisha as he assumes the mantle of Elijah's ministry. We will cross the Jordan River with him and observe him removing a curse at Jericho and then enacting a new curse that involved teen-aged boys and two bears. Very intriguing. Then we will be confronted by a Syrian army general named Naaman who is looking for a quick cure from leprosy. One of the lessons we will learn is that of the power of a forgiving spirit and of the example of a young girl. And finally, we will marvel at God's power at Dothan as the army of the Lord's hosts surrounded the army of Syria. How we need the fearlessness of Elisha today in the face of the evils of our world. May we cultivate such boldness.



November 19 – Jehoshaphat – a Kings Humbled Before God and His People

2 Chronicles 17-20

Jehoshaphat is one of my favorite people within the Old Testament. He was a king who had a caring heart. He cared that the people he governed knew the Word of God. (He sort of started the first Village Schools of the Bible). He cared that the people he governed had proper justice. And He cared that the counsel of God be sought before a war began. But he was also a king with a humbled heart. In fact, this king does something that is almost hard to imagine – he admitted before his people that he does not know what to do in a national crisis. But he knows where to turn – and that made all the difference. Oh for a national leader like Jehoshaphat.

November 26 – Joash, the Boy King

2 Kings 11-12; 2 Chronicles 23-24

I know of very few seven-year old boys, or girls for that matter, who are ready to run a powerful nation. Yet that is what Joash was called upon to do. But Joash had a faithful mentor who taught him the ways of God. And, during those days Joash commanded that the temple be refurbished from years of neglect and defilement. Yet, the life of Joash comes to a tragic ending. He abandons his faith. He turns away from God. He imperils his kingdom. Joash possessed what I call a “politically-correct faith.” Oh the dangers of that faith. We are not called upon to exercise a faith in order to please people or to accomplish a plan. Our faith is to be the anchor upon which our lives are built. Sadly Joash’s faith never truly anchored his life.

BCC Updates

BCC FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2017

General Fund Tithes and Offerings:

September Budget:	\$117,000
September Actual:	\$123,540
Budget YTD:	\$1,103,000
Offerings YTD:	\$1,151,702

Building Fund:

September Offerings:	\$17,031
Loan Balance:	\$1,241,386

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

December 3 | 4:00 p.m.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 10 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

LIVING NATIVITY

December 16 & 17 | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24 | 1:30, 3:00, & 4:30 p.m.



DO2 - FAMILY WORSHIP CHALLENGE

Buffalo Covenant Church is a family church, and family ministry is our priority. In 2017, we challenge all our families to "Do2" by participating in Sunday School classes AND attending worship together as a family. Sunday morning can become the most important TWO hours of the week! For more information about the Do2 family worship challenge, visit our website: buffalocov.org/about



NOVEMBER FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDES

The weekly devotional and worship information in this guide corresponds with Max's sermons. Take it home and worship with your family! November Family Worship Guides are available in a bin under the designated frame in the Commons.

NOVEMBER FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. - Psalm 107:1



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Joy to the World - One shoe box at a time! **BOXES DUE NOVEMBER 19**

Join in this unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoe box! Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian relief and evangelism ministry led by Franklin Graham. This Christmas, needy children overseas will receive the shoe box gifts, hand delivered, along with Christian literature in their own language. What an opportunity to reach children with a clear presentation of the Gospel!

This program provides an opportunity for individuals of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project that reaches out to suffering children while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift.

Here's what you can do! Prepare a shoe box gift-filled with personal care items, school supplies, and small toys. Include a cash gift to help with delivery costs. Bring the completed gift to church no later than Sunday, November 19. The gifts will be delivered to a collection site on that afternoon. Find out more at the Welcome Center, and pick up a brochure with details and instructions!



BCC ADULTS

There are multiple weekly and monthly opportunities to connect with others, to grow spiritually and to be supported through participating in a Class, Bible Study, Prayer Group, Support Group or Social Gathering.

GROUPS:

PRAYER TEAM

Mondays | 12:00 p.m. | Room 200

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 1:00 p.m. | Room 201

GRIEFSHARE

Tuesdays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Room 108

HOPEKEEPERS LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, Nov. 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 200

PROPEL WOMEN

Thursday, Nov. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Youth Room

NURTURING OUR WIDOWS (NOW)

1st Thursday of the month | 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

Thursday, Nov. 30 | 9:00 a.m. | Room 108

ADULT WEEKDAY CLASSES:

MAJORING ON THE MINOR PROPHETS

Mondays, through Nov. 27 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Dr. Oliver Blosser

This course is an overview of six of the Minor Prophets— Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea and Micah. The mission of the Minor Prophets was to proclaim God's Word and to prophesy.

APOLOGETICS – GIVING AN ANSWER FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Instructor: Pastor Max Frazier

This class focuses on some of the important questions of faith and how to answer them.

DEEP WATERS – THE MISSION

Tuesdays | 6:00-7:30 a.m.

Men, we were made for a mission. Jesus completed his mission by doing a hand-off, and giving us our mission, "go make disciples."

DEEP WATERS DISCIPLESHIP AND LEADERSHIP FOR MEN – YEAR 1

Wednesdays | 6:00-7:30 a.m.

The focus of the first year of Deep Waters is on a verse-by-verse study of the book of Nehemiah.

DISCIPLESHIP EQUIP (DSE): MAKING DISCIPLES EVERYDAY

Wednesdays | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Instructor: Pastor Steve Wintermantel

DSE is a 30-week disciple-making experience which will prepare you to enter into the life-changing ministry of making disciples everyday at home, in our church family, in your neighborhood, workplace or school.

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES:

9:30 A.M. CLASSES

SERMON PLUNGE

Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | Room 201

This class digs a little deeper into questions and topics pertaining to the text of the morning sermon.

“GENERATIONS”

INTERGENERATIONAL CLASS

Sundays | 9:30 a.m. | Gym

The Generations class invites all generations (children, parents, and yes, even grandparents!) to share in a time of fellowship, scripture reading, activities, and discussion with the purpose of growing our faith by learning, serving, and sharing with one another.

CHRISTIANITY 101: STARTING POINT

Sundays, through November 26

9:30 a.m. | Room 200

Everything has a starting point—your life, your relationships, your education, your career.

Sometimes we forget that faith has a starting point as well. If you're new to faith, just checking it out, or coming back to church after some time away, Christianity 101: Starting Point is a great first step.

GALATIANS – FAITH AND FREEDOM

Sundays, through December 17

9:30 a.m. | Room 201

Taught by Dr. Oliver Blosser

Paul's theme in Galatians is justification by faith alone. Justification means to declare righteous through faith (Protestant viewpoint), not to make righteous through the sacraments (Catholic viewpoint). Salvation is a gift of God and not wrought through works.

11:00 A.M. CLASSES

DIGGING DEEPER

Sundays | 11:00 a.m. | Gym

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****To learn more about these groups or classes, please visit buffalocov.org**



S.A.L.T. DAY TRIP TO SWEDISH INSTITUTE ***Tuesday, November 14***

Have you ever wanted to visit the Swedish Institute and experience a little bit of a Swedish Christmas? On Tuesday, November 14, our SALT Family will be traveling by bus to the Swedish Institute in Minneapolis to see their Christmas display. We will also be having lunch there at the Institute. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Pastor Max either by phone – 763-682-1470 or email at max@buffalocov.org. There is a fee for entrance into the Institute and lunch will be on your own. Come and be Swedish for a day!

S.A.L.T. ***Tuesday, November 21 | 1:30 p.m.*** ***Youth Room***

On Tuesday, November 21, our SALT Family will meet for their monthly program which begins at 1:30 p.m. in our Youth Room. Our special guest this month is our very own Stan Vander Kooi who will share with us the life, ministry, and impact John Calvin has had upon the Reformation and the Church today. This is the third in our series on the Reformation. There will be a time of worship and always those fabulous treats. Calvin is one of those remarkable men used so mightily by God to change a world. We invite you to come and join us for an afternoon of information and fellowship.



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST ***Saturday, November 18*** ***Buffalo Community Center***

Put Saturday morning, November 18 on your calendar! Buffalo Covenant Church is sponsoring the Community Breakfast at the Buffalo Community Center. We need helpers to set up, serve, or clean up.

This is a great way to get the whole family together and minister to our community! Contact Reid Gilbert (763.682.1470) for more information.

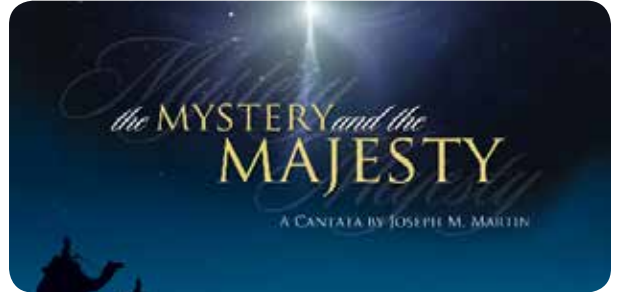
SOUP & PRAYER ***Sunday, November 26 | 12:15 p.m.*** ***Room 201***

Please join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and a time of prayer.



DISCOVER BCC MEMBERSHIP CLASS
Sunday, November 12 | 12:15 to 4:15 p. m.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Buffalo Covenant, or if you are simply interested in learning more about our church family, we invite you to join us for Discover BCC. At this class you will learn about our church's mission, values and history. We will review our core beliefs, and provide you an opportunity to ask questions. You will get a chance to meet others, tour the building, and learn of opportunities to get involved. All of this is intended to help you fulfill our mission: Glorify God by being disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ. Following your attendance at the class, you will have the opportunity to pursue becoming a member of BCC. A free lunch will be provided.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL -
THE MYSTERY AND MAJESTY
Sunday, December 3 | 4:00 p.m.

Rehearsals for the annual Christmas Festival, "The Mystery and Majesty" by Joseph Martin, have begun! It promises to be a wonderful evening of music for all to enjoy with the Festival Choir, Bells, Chamber Ensemble and featured guest, Arielle Cady Flores, international violinist and instructor. If you are interested in participating in this event, rehearsals are held Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., in the choir room. Please contact Marsha Kirkpatrick at kirkpatrickm@hotmail.com, for more information.



BCC KIDS



3 & 4 YEAR OLD MILESTONE - PRAYER **Sunday, November 5 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace**

For 3 & 4 year olds and their parents. Kids and parents will discuss what is prayer? Does God really hear and answer prayer? How do I pray? What do I say? Join us for this fun event for pre-schoolers and their parents.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SECTION SECTIONALS AT AWANA FOR T&T (GRADES 3-5)

November 8 and 15

AWANA LEADER MEETING

Sunday, November 12 | 12:00 p.m.

NO AWANA

November 22



BRIDGE WORSHIP - CHRISTMAS

Sundays, 10:30-10:50 a.m. | KidSpace

If you would like your child(ren) to be in the Christmas Program, please plan to have them attend Bridge Worship each week as we will be practicing for the Christmas Program during this time. There are practice CD's available, which help you prepare at home. The Program is scheduled for December 10. Please plan to have them attend that practice time faithfully each week at 10:30 in November!

BCC+YOUTH



SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT AT ADVENTUROUS CHRISTIANS

January 12-15, 2018

\$200 for AC. Additional charge if you opt to ski.
Registration begins on November 5 by class year increments.

- November 5: Open registration for seniors
- November 12: Open registration for juniors
- November 19: Open registration for sophomores
- November 26: Open registration for freshmen

Space is limited. You must be paid to reserve a spot.



TURKEY BOWL

November 22 | 9:00 p.m. - Midnight

Open to Senior High Students and Alumni.
Pizza, snacks, speaker, and of course, flag football!

CHILL OUT:

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Sundays | 7-9:30 p.m. | Youth Room

For youth in grades 9-12.

HANG TIME:

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Wednesdays | 6-8:30 p.m. | Youth Room

For youth in grades 6-8.

NO HANG TIME

Wednesday, November 22



Upcoming Youth Israel Team Fundraisers



THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER

Pre-Sale November 5 & 12

Pick-up November 19

The Youth Israel Team is once again selling pies for Thanksgiving. Order deadline is Sunday, November 12, with pie pick up at church the following Sunday, November 19. Pies will be made in 10" crusts.

Apple Crumble (take-and-bake) - \$10 each / more than 1 - \$8 each

Pumpkin Pies - \$12 each / more than 1 - \$10 each

Pecan Pie - \$15 each / more than 1 - \$13 each

Payment is due at the time of order.

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

November 6 | 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza Ranch Monticello

Come support our Youth Israel team as they serve you at Pizza Ranch Monticello! A percentage of the sales generated will go directly to our team. We will also receive all cash donations, including tips.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE BOUTIQUE

December 3 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Looking for fresh, homemade, hand-decorated sweets just in time for the holidays? If so, please stop by the Commons on December 3 from 9-Noon to pick up some amazing holiday cookies & treats! All proceeds support Youth Israel Team.



CHRISTMAS DROP & SHOP

December 8 | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

The 2018 Youth Israel Team will be offering a babysitting service for a fundraiser event. Babysitting will be offered for infants through 5th grade at the church. This will allow you to go Christmas shopping, bake or even go on a date! Sign up will be in the Commons on November 26th and December 3rd after second and third service with more information.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DINNER
JOIN US!
5:00-6:00 PM

MENU

NOV 1: Chicken wild rice soup, chicken noodle soup, crusty bread, fruit, dessert

NOV 8: Ham, cheesy potato casserole, peas, bundt cake

NOV 15: Pulled pork on a bun, veggies, brownies

NOV 29: Regular chili, beanless turkey chili, tortilla chips, brownies

\$5/plate
All proceeds benefit BCC Youth Israel Team

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Wednesdays | 5-6:00 p.m. | Youth Room

Wondering how to fit supper in between school and Wednesday night Hang Time or AWANA? Come to church to eat! For just \$5 per person, you can eat supper from 5-6 pm at church and be right there for either Hang Time or AWANA.

November Menu:

November 1 - Chicken wild rice soup, chicken noodle soup, crusty bread, fruit, dessert

November 8 - Ham, cheesy potato casserole, peas, bundt cake

November 15 - Pulled pork on a bun, veggies, brownies

November 22 - No Dinner, Thanksgiving Break

November 29 - Regular chili, beanless turkey chili, tortilla chips, brownies



Missions Update

We are excited about some upcoming missions events and opportunities!

1. Christmas Love Project

On November 26th, we will be announcing our 2017 Christmas Love Project. We are very excited about this upcoming opportunity to support a family who has been called to the mission field.

2. Mexico Mission Trip, July 2018

Buffalo Covenant Church has an opportunity to send a group to Mexico to work with Rob Johnson this coming July 14th -July 22nd. This trip is open to individuals and families with children over 9 years old. Please prayerfully consider joining us! Contact Reid Gilbert at reid@buffalocov.org or 763.647.0182 for more information.

3. Missions Conference Oct 27-28, 2018

Save the date! The mission commission has started working on an exciting Missions Conference for 2018. Many of our missionaries have been responding and are looking forward to being here to share how God is working in many countries around the world. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to hear from and get to know the missionaries we support. There will be more information coming in the next few months.

In the Community

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 22 | 7:30 p.m.
Zion Lutheran Church

Invite your neighbors and friends to attend this 43rd annual service of thanks that brings our community together. Pastors from the Buffalo area churches join to give leadership to this community-wide time of worship. Musicians from many churches are expected to participate. Choirs will combine to present anthems of thanks and praise with organ and brass, and handbell choirs are preparing pieces to be rung in a massed choir.

MEALS ON WHEELS - THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who delivered meals to homebound residents in Buffalo in October. Thank you for serving others with the love of Christ and participating in the ministry of Meals-on-Wheels. Your sacrifice of time is greatly appreciated by many.

ARDELLE STRAND 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, November 12 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.

There will be an open house 90th Birthday Party for Ardelle Strand on Sunday, November 12, from 2-4 in the Youth Room. Please no gifts.