



:: Sunday Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Traditional
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Contemporary

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What Is In A Name - Advent Sermon Series

Pastor Max Frazier

December 2 - Communion Sunday – *What Is In a Name: The Lion and the Lamb - Genesis 49:8-12 & Revelation 5:1-14*

The naming of a child in the ancient world was a very important moment. So important, that for the Hebrews a child was named on the eighth day following his/her birth. There are many names that are associated with Jesus. What a contrasting picture we see in these names, “the lion” and “the lamb.” Yet, each has a strong biblical significance. In Genesis 49 we learn that Jesus is “the lion of the tribe of Judah.” What exactly did Jacob mean when he conferred this blessing upon his son Judah? And how did “the lion” become “the lamb?” Jesus had first to become “the lamb” before He could become “the lion.”

December 9 – BCC Kids Christmas Program: *Jesus Means Christmas to Me*

To the angels, Christ’s birth meant the arrival of great joy on earth. To the shepherds, He meant hope for all. To the wise men, He represented the greatest gift anybody could ever receive. As we follow the story of Jesus’ coming, we will discover what Christmas truly means.

December 16 – *What Is In a Name: Immanuel - Isaiah 7:14*

One of the most deeply seated of human fears today is that of loneliness. According to studies, nearly one-in-five Americans today experience loneliness almost daily. Yet, loneliness is not a new phenomenon of mankind. Loneliness was the first negative experience of mankind following the Creation. Immanuel is the antidote for loneliness. Immanuel means “God with us.” What an amazing truth. Jesus came to be Immanuel – to show a lost world who the Father was and is. And today, Jesus is our Immanuel – He is “God with us.”

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**December 23– *What Is In a Name:
A Rich Quartet of Names - Isaiah 9:6-7***

This is one of those texts that has become familiar to most – perhaps based upon the magnificent chorale using this text in Handel’s “Messiah.” Jesus is “the child born;” He is “the Son given.” He is “the wonderful counselor” – He is the source of wisdom we need for daily living. He is “the mighty God” – He is the One who is in total control of our world and of our lives. He is “the eternal Father” – He is the One who protects, provides, corrects, and instructs His family. He is “the prince of peace” – He brings an inner peace that can quiet our restless hearts.

December 24 (Christmas Eve)– *What Is In a Name: His Name Is Jesus - Matthew 1:21*

Of all the names given, Jesus is the sweetest one. Jesus is our Savior. The problems mankind face today are a consequence of sin. We don’t need someone to “fix” our problems, but someone to deliver us from those problems. We need a Savior. Jesus is our Redeemer. Jesus came to purchase you from the slave pits of sin. He came to truly set you free.

December 30 – *What Is In a Name: King of Kings and Lord of Lords - Revelation 19:1-21*

What an amazing chapter to close a year and to begin a new one. It is common for us to state, “Well, this could be the year that Jesus comes?” But, what exactly do we mean by that statement. What happens when The King returns? As we gaze into “the crystal ball of Scripture,” we want to focus upon those events that are indicative of the return of The King. And what a celebration that will be when He arrives. It could be a powerful 2019 for us!



ADVENT READING GUIDES

If you did not receive an Advent Reading Guide, there are still some available in the Commons, which are suitable for all ages. Take them home and worship with your family this Advent season!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Pick up your 2019 offering envelopes in the Lobby today! If you would like offering envelopes, please indicate this on the contact card and place it in the offering plate, sign-up at the envelope table or call the Church Office (763-682-1470).



The BCC Mission Commission is very excited to announce the 2018 Christmas Love Project! For the past seven years, BCC's mission commission has presented a Christmas Love Project (CLP) to the congregation. The CLP gives us all an opportunity to show our love and support in a very special way to these missionaries. This year we have selected the four student ministries we support in Minnesota. These ministries are:

Max & Claire Lemp: InterVarsity Duluth/Superior Campuses: intervarsity.org

Gary & Christen Schmalz: Athletes in Action athletesinaction.org

Terry & Kris Munoz: Side by Side Ministries sbsyouth.org

Paul Miller, Leah Freichels & Paul Vorderbruggen
Timber Bay: timberbay.org

Please check out their websites for more information about their ministries, then prayerfully consider how you can come alongside us in achieving our **goal of \$40,000 by December 31st.**

Ways to give:

By Check or Cash: Make checks out to BCC. Use the designated envelopes in the Commons area or label your check or cash with a sticky note with "CLP" attached to it.

Online: Go to our website at buffalocov.org and click on the GIVE tab. Select Christmas Love Project under the Donation tab to enter the amount you'd like to give.

Please note: All gifts received for this special project will be distributed equally among all four ministries.



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

Members of this group meet weekly to pray for BCC, the pastors and staff, and the needs of the BCC congregation. This prayer time is open to all of the BCC family.

GRIEFSHARE

*Wednesdays, through Dec 5 | 9:30 a.m. | Room 202
Mondays, through Dec 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Room 202*

PROPEL WOMEN

*Thursday, December 13 | 6:30 p.m.
Youth Room*

WOMEN'S MISSION CONNECTION

Thurs, December 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Room 108

S.A.L.T. (SENIOR ADULTS LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY)

Tuesday, December 18 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

The Christmas Season is upon us. That can only mean it is time for the Annual SALT Christmas Program. This year our special guests will be the Kingery Family. This family ensemble will help us to “ring in” the Christmas Season with an afternoon of Christmas favorites. The program will be held in the Worship Center so we will have plenty of room for you to invite your neighbors and friends to a wonderful “Country Gospel Christmas” afternoon with one of the premier Gospel groups in the Midwest. Following the program you are invited to share in some very special holiday treats in the Youth Room. You will not want to miss this inspiring afternoon of Christmas music. Those who home-school their students, might also consider coming and sharing in this wonderful musical afternoon. Invite your friends now to reserve that date. And have a very Blessed Christmas.

FALL ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

NOTE: There will be no Sunday Morning Adult Classes December 23 or 30.

9:30 a.m.

CURRENT EVENTS AND PROPHECY

Today only | 9:30 a.m. | Gym

Instructor: Dennis Lingo

In Mark 13:37 Jesus said, "What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" But what exactly are we to watch for? Jesus and the prophets told us of events that would be happening in the future as the 2nd Advent drew near. Is it possible that this generation is witnessing many of these events that were foretold? Let's discuss these things using our Bibles and today's headlines as we "encourage each other with these words."

(1 Thessalonians 4:18)

GOD'S VISION FOR HIS CHURCH

Sundays, December 2-16 | 9:30 a.m. | Room 201

Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

The Bible speaks of the Church as the "bride of Christ" and He loves it dearly. We are the Church and it is important to know what the Bible teaches about the Church and its purpose. The world desperately needs the Church to be healthy and strong because its impact is meant to be world-changing. Join us as we study and discuss this important part of our faith life.

11:00 a.m.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND MARRIAGE

Sundays, through December 16

11:00 a.m. | Youth Room

Instructor: Pastor Geoff Bohleen

Many parents find it difficult to talk with their children about dating and marriage, especially in age-appropriate ways. And yet, these conversations are necessary and often need to occur before we feel like we are ready! This class will help you prepare so you are ready. We will look at biblical truth and guidelines for relationships and marriage and talk about practical ways to make these important conversations helpful and memorable!



**MOMS IN PRAYER: UNITING MOMS
WORLDWIDE IN PRAYER**

Wednesdays* | 9:00 a.m. | Room 101

**Note day change*

“God’s power is evident when we come together as a group of moms, committed to strengthening our kids, schools and communities through prayer.”

A new prayer group for women has started at BCC! The focus of the group is praying for children/ youth and their schools. This group is open to ALL women who want to pray for the children/ youth in the Buffalo School District area including homeschooled kids and youth doing PSEO. We will devote about one hour to prayer and then fellowship. Please join BCC’s sisterhood of prayer warriors impacting the next generation for Christ!

For more information about Moms in Prayer International go to their website at:

momsinprayer.org

If you have any questions, please email Sonya Busch at: sonya.careteam@gmail.com



**SAVE THE DATE!
NO REGRETS MEN’S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, February 2 | BCC

More details coming soon.



**SAVE THE DATE!
DR. RICHARD MARKS -MARRIAGE
ENRICHMENT SEMINAR**

March 1 & 2 | BCC

More details coming soon.

LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS

BY JOSEPH M. MARTIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

3:30 P.M. REFRESHMENTS

Join us for BCC's annual Christmas Festival! It promises to be a wonderful evening of music with the Festival Choir, Chamber Ensemble, and featured guest, Julie Haugen Goos, a private instructor who holds a Masters degree in Flute Performance.

Treat your family and friends to a lovely musical celebration of the holiday season! This is a free event.





BCC KIDS



BCC KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 9 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 8 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

To the angels, Christ's birth meant the arrival of great joy on earth. To the shepherds, He meant hope for all. To the wise men, He represented the greatest gift anybody could ever receive. As we follow the story of Jesus' coming, we will discover what Christmas truly means. This Christmas, we invite you to focus on Christ and celebrate the everlasting gift of hope and joy that He brings! Please join us for this uplifting Christmas program presented by our talented BCC Kids.

Invite Grandpa and Grandma, your friends and neighbors, and come hear the kids share the real meaning of Christmas!

DATES TO REMEMBER

BCC KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DRESS REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 8 | 9:30-11:30 a.m.

BCC KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 9 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

AWANA - DRESS LIKE CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Wednesday, December 12

NO AWANA

December 19 & 26

AWANA RESUMES

January 2

BCC+YOUTH



HANG TIME CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 12 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a night filled with food, fun and escape rooms! And, remember to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater for our Ugly Sweater Contest!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Students - we have Advent Devotionals for you on the table out in the Commons called "A Thrill of Hope". Please pick up your copy today!

ISRAEL 2019

We have room for a few more participants to join this years Israel 2019 team. If you are interested in going to Israel, please see Pastor Val.



CHILL OUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 9 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Kick off the advent season with your friends at the Chill Out Christmas Party. Celebrate with food, fun, escape rooms & karaoke! Open to 9-12 grades.

DATES TO REMEMBER

HANG TIME CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 12 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

CHILL OUT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 9 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

NO HANG TIME

December 19 & 26

NO CHILL OUT

December 16, 23, & 30

NO TRACK CLASSES

December 16, 23, & 30

HANG TIME RESUMES

January 2

CHILL OUT RESUMES

January 6



Chosen

CHOSEN stands for Community Helping Orphans
and Supporting Each other's Needs.

It's interesting how God brings things together sometimes, isn't it?

Sunday, November 11th was Orphan Sunday to increase awareness of the needs of orphans around the world and Stand Sunday to encourage Christians to take a stand for those in foster care in our own country - our own county.

It also happened to be the final collection date at BCC for shoe boxes to be distributed around the world so that many of those orphans can receive a Christmas gift and hear about the greatest gift of all - salvation through Jesus Christ.

It also happened to be the day that a video was played at BCC sharing how volunteering at MOPS can change a life for a child in our own community by sharing God's love with those who attend. It also happened to be the Sunday that Pastor Max's message challenged us with the importance of affirming children in regard to their value and purpose just as God the Father affirmed Jesus the Son at His baptism.

It also happened to be the day our family celebrated our 12th anniversary of "Family Day" - the day we remember when Dennis and I arrived home from Russia to join Hannah and Alyssa after our 3 week journey to bring Karina home - our first day as a complete family.

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As you celebrate Christmas this month, I encourage you to pray for the children that received those shoe boxes, for the the children in our community who do not know the true meaning of Christmas, for the children in our county, country and world who do not know that they are worthy of being loved and treasured, and for the children whose Christmas wish list may simply be for a forever home and a forever family.



The Meaning of Christmas Comes to Life at...

The

Living Nativity

DECEMBER 15 & 16 • 5:00-7:00 PM

A Free Interactive Event!

See the Christmas story come to life at the Living Nativity! Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, interact with Mary, Joseph & Baby, the Wise Men, Angels & Roman Soldiers, see the live animals, and browse the marketplace.

Invite your neighbors, family & friends!



Pastor Mary's
CHRISTMAS
GIFT SHOP

***Sundays, through December 23
In the Commons***

Give your loved ones a fantastic Christmas gift - God's Word. Purchase a Bible, Bible story book, devotional book for kids, or other family resources from the collection on a display in the Commons. Read together at home! Also great for grandkids, nieces, nephews, and any special kids in your life. There is limited supply on hand, and orders can be taken and will arrive a week later.



**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT  DINNER**

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.

December Menu:

**December 5 - Spaghetti, Garlic Bread,
Fresh Veggies, Dessert**

**December 12 - Chicken-Vegetable Stir Fry, Rice,
Dessert**

December 19 & 26 - No Dinner - Winter Break

OPEN HOUSE

50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 5 | 2-4:00 p.m.

You are invited to a 50th Anniversary Open House in honor of Bruce and Claris Peters. The celebration will take place on Saturday, January 5th from 2-4pm in the Youth Room. Come share their joy and help them celebrate together with friends and family.

IN THE COMMUNITY

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Wright County has a pressing and continuous need for foster parents. All children need a safe home where people will nurture and respect them. Children enter foster care due to significant life factors, often including abuse or neglect. This is an extremely difficult time for children. They are struggling and need extra support. The overall goal of foster care is to provide children with a temporary, stable, and caring family setting until they are reunited with their family or until a permanency plan is established for them.

Wright County is seeking compassionate people who live in Wright County and are willing to welcome children into their home. If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or marisa.ferguson@co.wright.mn.us. Those interested in learning more about foster care are invited to attend one of the upcoming orientations on January 8th, February 12th, April 9th or May 14th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Wright County Law Enforcement Center.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, January 6

In 2019, we will be focusing on intentional living in the home.

This special Faith@Home Sunday will spotlight **Intentional Living: Devotions for all families, for all ages.**

Enjoy free devotional resources for all families and all ages.

Plus, great classes to encourage your family devotional time.

More details will be coming soon!



A lit candle in a holder is the central focus on the right side of the image. The candle is lit, with a bright yellow and blue flame. The background is dark with several out-of-focus, warm-toned bokeh lights. The candle is in a simple holder, and the wax is melting slightly at the top.

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
1:30, 3:00, & 4:30 P.M.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC, LOVELY CANDLELIGHT,
& THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

Keep Jesus at the center of your Christmas celebration
and come Worship the King!