



THE CONNECTION

UPCOMING MESSAGES

MARCH 1

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed *"Ephesians: A Portrait of the Church" – Ephesians 1-6*

This is one of four prison letters written by Paul while he was under house arrest in Rome. This congregation was very well known to Paul as he had lived among them for nearly three years. Within this letter, Paul paints a portrait of the church. He cites the following within that portrait:

- The Church is blessed by God.
- The Church is made alive by faith.
- The Church is gifted to serve.
- The Church is to be imitators of Jesus Christ.
- The Church is engaged in a battle.

MARCH 8

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed *"Colossians: The Pre-eminence of Christ" – Colossians 1-4*

This is another of the four prison letters written by Paul while he was under house arrest in Rome. This was a congregation unknown to Paul. This was a church birthed by another, not by Paul. Yet Paul had a compassionate heart toward this Church. The theme of this little letter is focused upon the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ.

- Jesus Christ is pre-eminent within Creation.
- Jesus Christ is pre-eminent over other religions.
- Jesus Christ is pre-eminent in our walk.
- Jesus Christ is pre-eminent within our homes.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional
8:00 a.m.

Contemporary
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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MARCH 15

Faith@Home Sunday

"B-Begin with Prayer: Jesus' Prayer for Others" – John 17:1-26

This familiar prayer of Jesus is often called His "high priestly" prayer. It is a prayer Jesus prayed sometime during that final evening of His life here upon earth, prior to His excruciating prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The order of Jesus's prayer is significant. He begins by praying for Himself, that the Father would restore to Him the glory He had before the worlds were created. Jesus first focused upon His relationship with the Father. Then Jesus prayed for His disciples – those who followed Him. He prayed for their protection and for their spiritual growth. Finally Jesus prayed for those yet to become followers—those not yet saved. His prayer was that they would come to faith and then model unity before the world. Jesus knew that there would be those who would turn away, but He also knew that many would believe. What a challenging prayer for each of us during 2020.

MARCH 22

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed

"Philemon: From Slave to Servant" – Philemon 1

This is another of the four prison letters written by Paul while he was under house arrest in Rome. This is a very private and personal letter, addressed to a wealthy member of the Colossian Church, it would seem, named Philemon. The contents of the letter concern a former slave named Onesimus who had run away and had sought refuge in Rome. But there he encountered both Paul and the Lord Jesus and his life was changed. Now Paul is sending him back to his master. At the heart of this little letter is the theme of love—Paul's love for Philemon and his love for Onesimus. And he desires that Philemon show both love and grace toward Onesimus upon his return. We will conclude this message with a brief look at what the Bible says about slavery.

MARCH 29

Thru the Bible: The Thread of Redemption Proclaimed

"A Final Journey to Rome" – Acts 22-28

This morning we will conclude our journey through the Book of Acts. This book closes with Paul under house-arrest in Rome as he awaits his trial before Caesar. But the journey to Rome is an eventful one for Paul, filled with lessons in dependence upon God. The journey actually begins with an arrest (an unlawful arrest) in Jerusalem. Paul was the recipient of some of the most incredible hatred ever shown toward another man. Yet, God spared his life using his Roman citizenship. Because of his arrest, Paul was offered the opportunity of sharing his story before governors and even a king. Paul's story even caused one ruler to remark that Paul was insane. God never promises that we will always have a receptive audience as we share our faith-stories, but we must share them nonetheless. Finally Paul was placed on a ship bound for Italy, but that ship would never arrive because of a powerful storm where Paul, the prisoner, became Paul, the commander-in-chief. Amazing leadership principles are found in Acts 27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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DISCOVER BCC CLASS

March 8 | 12:15 – 4:00 p.m. | Room 201

Join our Discover BCC class to learn more about our church family or to explore what it means to be a member of Buffalo Covenant Church. You will have a chance to meet some of the staff and learn about our church's mission, values and history. Lunch provided. Sign-up available in the Commons. Contact the Church Office with questions.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

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

For just \$5 per person, you can eat dinner at church before your Wednesday night events.

MARCH 4

Chili, Corn Bread, Salad, Dessert

MARCH 11—

Tacos, Chips & Salsa, Garden Salad, Dessert

MARCH 18

Sloppy Joe's, Chips, Green Beans, Brownies

MARCH 25

Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert



Adult Sunday School Class

"Beginning With Prayer"

March 15 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Gym

Led by all the BCC Pastors

Join all the pastors as they examine the role of prayer, and praying for the lost as we continue to focus on **Sharing the Word Through Service & Mission**. We will begin utilizing the BLESS model to strengthen our church family's evangelism, starting with "B," "Begin With Prayer". (Learn more: covchurch.org/bless)

Free Lunch & Afternoon Session

"Praying For and Engaging the Not-Yet Christian"

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. | Session: 1:00 p.m.

Youth Room | Session Led by Hollis Kim

Hollis Kim, Director of Pastoral Care and Development at Northwest Conference, will be leading a free afternoon session focused on how to pray for and engage those in our lives that don't yet know Christ.

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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

April 1 | Showtime at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a free family movie night event where we will be watching *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch & The Wardrobe*, the first movie in the series based on C.S. Lewis' all time classics. This is a free event. Popcorn and water will be served.

Save the Date **Easter**

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Friday, April 10, 12:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional: 7:45 a.m. | Contemporary: 9:00, 10:15, 11:30 a.m.

More details coming soon

UPCOMING CLASSES

ADULT SUNDAY CLASSES

GRACE/TRUTH 2.0

9:30 a.m. | March 22–April 19 | Room 106

Facilitators: Mark Pederson & Grant Bowman

Grace/Truth 2.0, written by Dr. Preston Sprinkle, is an additional five-week learning experience (follows *Grace/Truth 1.0*) that dives deeper into LGBT+ questions. It discusses why some Christians are changing their view toward affirming same-sex relations, addresses some of the strongest affirming arguments, explores a biblical and theological view of transgender and intersex persons, and offers practical advice on how to embody the grace/truth way of Jesus in the context of ministry. Through Bible study, reading *Grace/Truth 2.0*, video clips that provide helpful perspective and class discussion, this class will help each person carefully think through how best to live with a strong love for others and a faithfulness to the Bible's teaching. Please register in the Commons for the class. Books will be available for \$10.

IS JESUS REALLY THE ONLY WAY?

March 22 ONLY | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Gym

Facilitator: Dennis Lingo

In today's culture, the supremacy of Christ being the only way to heaven is under attack. The lack of absolute truth is wreaking havoc on our society and the Christian culture as well. We will explore this foundational and essential principle, why it is non-negotiable and how it affects our culture today.

THE AMISH SMART PHONE

March 29 ONLY | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. | Gym

Facilitator: Joe Buhlig

Today's culture assumes that new technology equals progress. But what if that assumption is false? What would happen if we adopt an Amish mindset and carefully examine these advances before we say yes?

ADULT EVENING EDUCATION

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

Tuesday Evenings | March 10–April 28

6:00–7:30 p.m. | Room 201

Facilitator: Don Muilenburg

Building a strong foundation, rooted in God's word, is essential to experiencing a faith that lasts and grows. Join us for this 8 week journey, beginning on Tuesday March 10th, to start building a solid foundation. Faith Foundations is facilitated by retired Pastor Don Muilenburg, who is passionate about helping people of all ages find the building blocks that will help their faith flourish. Class materials include a new Bible at no cost. To register, please contact Don Muilenburg (donmuilenburg@gmail.com) or Dave Macalena (dave@buffalocov.org).

RUTH AND THE BOAZ BLESSING

Monday Evenings | April 6–May 18

7:00–8:45 p.m. | Room 201

Facilitator: Dr. Oliver Blosser

It has been said of the scroll of Ruth that no poet in all the world has written a more beautiful short story. It is Hebrew drama at its best. It is the only scroll of the Bible devoted entirely to the history of a woman. Ruth became the greatest Gentile woman covert to Judaism. The theme provides the reader with the Hebraic concept of redemption. The scroll also reveals the power of the Boaz blessing—"May the LORD be with you!" or "The LORD is with you!" This blessing changed Ruth's life forever, for Ruth became the great grandmother of King David and an ancestor of the LORD Jesus, the Messiah. Join us during April and May to study this amazing Hebrew drama.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETINGS

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

Attendees 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

Tuesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m. | Room 202

Join us to find healing, encouragement and support in a confidential setting where you can interact with others who are on the same journey. For more information contact the church office at 763-682-1470 or visit griefshare.org or buffalocov.org/griefshare

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 1:00–2:30 p.m. | Room 201
New Study Begins March 16

Join us as we begin a new study on March 16. We will be going through 2 Corinthians with John MacArthur. Books are \$6 each and available to pick up in the Commons on March 8 and 15th. No sign up is necessary. For more information, contact the Church Office or Marlys Wilson 763-682-4543.

PROPEL

March 13 & 26 | 7:00 p.m. | KidSpace

Propel Women's mission is to help activate, connect, and equip every woman to fulfill their God-given passion, potential, and purpose. Join us as we walk through the book of Philippians, & the Propel Curriculum Series: *Growth*.

P.E.P.P.E.R. POTLUCK SUPPER

March 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Room

The P.E.P.P.E.R. group (50's, 60's & 70's) will be hosting a potluck supper and we would love for you to join us!

S.A.L.T. MARCH GATHERING

March 17 | 1:30 p.m. | Youth Room

Our SALT Family welcomes back Mr. David Jones, a resident historian from the Twin Cities. Mr. Jones has been our guest on several occasions, sharing fascinating looks into historical events. For our March 17th gathering, he will be focusing on one of the most unique building designs in the world that also gives honor to our First President, "*The Washington Monument: Centerpiece of the National Mall*." Following the program those delicious treats will be shared as we fellowship around the tables.



ISRAEL 2021 TEAM FUNDRAISING

STUDENTS FOR HIRE

Do you have a home project you need help with? We have students for hire! Our Israel 2021 team is available for work. Contact the Church Office with any projects or questions.

PIZZA RANCH COMMUNITY IMPACT NIGHT

Monday, April 6 | 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Monticello Pizza Ranch

Team Israel 2021 will be hosting a community impact night at the Monticello Pizza Ranch. All tips and a percentage of sales will go to help fund the 2021 trip to Israel.

ACCESS GROUP

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

ACCESS is a group for those in 6th–12th grade with special needs. Contact Tonya Sands at 763.381.7822 or tonyasands20@yahoo.com.

YOUTH SPRING SCHEDULE

MARCH 29—*No Chill Out or Track Classes*

APRIL 1—*No Hang Time*

APRIL 8—*No Hang Time*

APRIL 12—*No Sunday School, Chill Out or Track Classes*



MILESTONE—THE FAMILY

March 8 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace

For Fourth Grade Children and their parents. We will explore God's grand plan for the family with obedience, respect and responsibility as the key themes. There will be great family conversation and fun prizes!



MILESTONE—COMMUNION

April 5 | 11:00 a.m. | KidSpace

For Second Graders and their parents. We will learn how to approach the Lord's Supper with respect. This session will also help parents to decide when their children should begin to take communion with the family.

CHILDRENS SPRING SCHEDULE

APRIL 1—No Awana

APRIL 8—No Awana

APRIL 12—No Sunday School



MARCH 4

SECTIONALS FOR T&T—Extra shares are awarded for every completed section, along with prizes and Ice Cream Sundaes for everyone who completes 4 or more sections!

CRAZY HAIR/HAT NIGHT—Come to club with crazy hair—or a crazy hat! No prizes, but lots of laughs!

MARCH 25

VERSE-A-THON MISSIONS FUNDRAISER
For Cubbies, Sparks and T&T

Our Awana club has been a major supporter of the Awana Ministry in Ethiopia. (Including the translation of the Awana books into the Oromo language & providing funds to start new clubs, reaching hundreds of kids for Christ.) During Verse-a-Thon, our kids invite sponsors to give donations based on how many Awana verses they can recite. On the evening of the Verse-a-thon, Clubbers will recite as many Bible verses as they can. They then go to the sponsors, collect donations and we'll see which team generates the most money for missions!

AWANA STORE SCHEDULE

MARCH 11—Boys Store Night

MARCH 18—Girls Store Night

APRIL 15—Boys Store Night

APRIL 22—Girls Store Night



RETURN OF THE KING: ALL THINGS NEW

The beginning of the Bible starts out with God saying, "It is good." He was speaking about this creation He just made. And it was good! The birds in the air, the sun shining down, the moon and stars, all the animals roaming this newly formed earth, and these two people set forth to have dominion over it all. This was an image of God's Kingdom, and it was good. Then man decided to create his own kingdom, making choices that benefited himself rather than God leading to destruction. It was chaos. Join us at Lake Beauty Bible Camp this summer as we discover God's purpose for mankind as we embark on learning about the Return of the King!

Pick up a Lake Beauty Bible Camp brochure from the Welcome Center or go directly to their website at ***lbbc.com***. Camps are available for all ages First Grade and older. (Note: April 15th is Lake Beauty night at BCC and their staff will be here to answer all your questions.)

Register online by April 6th to get the "early bird" discount on all camps.

DATES & REGISTRATION 2020

Frontier Kids

June 28-30

For campers who have completed 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade

Trailblazer

July 19-23

For campers who have completed 3rd, 4th, 5th grade

Junior High

July 12-17

For campers who have completed 6th, 7th, 8th grade

Senior High

July 26-31

For campers who have completed 9th-12th grades

IN THE COMMUNITY



MN FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

This March, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local food shelf and/or monetary donations from February 25-April 7. Together, we can ensure #FoodForAllMN. Look for a table in the Commons with information about opportunities for you and your family to join in the fight against hunger!

Taking Action Against Hunger in Minnesota

- Over 3,000,000 visits are made to Minnesota food shelves each year.
- 1 in 8 children in Minnesota struggle with hunger.
- More than 500,000 Minnesotans experience food insecurity.
- Local food shelves can often stretch your \$1 into enough food for 2 or more meals.
- The 2018 March Campaign raised more than 5.5 million pounds of food and \$8.1 million for Minnesota food shelves.
- 100% of financial contributions to Minnesota FoodShare via the March Campaign go to participating food shelves.



MEALS ON WHEELS—APRIL

buffalocov.org/mealsonwheels

Join us in delivering meals for the month of April. There are 63 route openings from Monday to Friday. Meals are ready to be picked up by 11:00 a.m. at the Buffalo Community Center and routes can be completed in about an hour. We encourage you to sign up online using the instructions below. If you have questions, contact Mary Redlin at mary.redlin@buffalocov.org, 763.464.9576 or Terri Gilbert at terri@buffalocov.org, 612.282.4305.

ONLINE SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to buffalocov.org/mealsonwheels
2. Check the box on the green “Sign Up” button by the day(s) you want, then click the orange “Submit and Sign Up” button at the bottom of the page.
3. Enter the information needed and click the orange “Sign Up Now” button on the bottom.

HERE AT BCC

EASTER PLANTS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF

We are offering Easter Plants to be purchased in honor or memory of our loved ones. The plants will adorn the Worship Center platform on Easter morning and can be taken home AFTER the 11:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. Plant order forms are available in the Commons and at the Reception Desk. Please make checks payable to BCC. **Order deadline is March 22.** Prices are listed below.

Tulips	\$10.00	Cyclamen	\$12.00
Daffodils	\$10.00	Mums	\$12.00
Hyacinth	\$10.00	Begonias	\$12.00
Azaleas	\$23.00	Hydrangeas (PINK or BLUE)	\$23.00

WORSHIP TEAM—WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Do you play guitar, have a talent for singing, enjoy serving on a team, and want to use your gifts at BCC? Our worship team is looking to expand and add new members, both instrumentally and vocally. We would love to talk with you about how God has gifted you and how you can serve here! If you're interested, please contact Charissa at charissa@buffalocov.org.



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