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# **BCC CONNECTION**

SUMMER 2021



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## SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 & 11:00 am // 9:00 am Livestream ([buffalocov.org/live](https://buffalocov.org/live))

10:10-10:50 am Sunday School Express\* ([buffalocov.org/express](https://buffalocov.org/express))

\* Sunday School classes for Children and Youth will resume September 13.

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday–Thursday:** 8:00 am–4:00 pm // **Friday:** 8:00 am–12:00 pm

**Office Closed:** May 31, July 5, September 6

## MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

**Mondays // 12:00-1:00 pm // 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.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Summer TO SERVE

This summer, Buffalo Covenant Church will be providing service projects and a collection of opportunities for the church to get involved and serve in our local community and neighborhoods.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

**Blood Drive: May 28, 10:00 am–4:00 pm**

*Reserve your time at [buffalocov.org/strong](http://buffalocov.org/strong)*

**Clean-up Day at BCC: Saturday June 5, 8:30 am**

*Contact the Church Office with any questions.*

**VBS volunteer opportunities: June 14–18**

*Contact Pastor Janine to learn more details.*

Stay tuned for details and more upcoming opportunities!

[buffalocov.org/summertoserve](http://buffalocov.org/summertoserve)

## BCC library



**The BCC church library has been updated. Come check it out for all your summer reading!**

- Books are no longer on the top shelves, for easier reaching, and the non-fiction section now has labels on the shelves for easier searching.
- Many new books have been added (both nonfiction & fiction) and there are a growing number of movies to check out.
- Many of the new books in the fiction section were chosen to fill in a series by a particular author, and most series are numbered on the bindings.
- The Children's Library (located near Kidspace) is stocked with books for all age levels. Parent resource books are also available.

# UPCOMING MESSAGES

**MAY 23 // Mark Stromberg // Confidence in God's Promises, Romans 8:18-39**

**MAY 30 // The Ancients Speak into Today's World, Offering Hope & Grace:**

**A Study in Isaiah—Isaiah 45-48 // Who Is a Messiah & What Does a Messiah Do?**

The word *messiah* comes from a Hebrew word that means “the one anointed with oil”. Historically, people who were anointed included kings, priests, and sometimes even prophets. While the word *messiah* immediately makes us think of Jesus as The Messiah, it's possible that others can be considered a messiah, like the Persian king named Cyrus. We can learn to never discount God's capabilities to accomplish His divine purposes through any person, even a pagan king's actions. Isaiah compares these false messiahs to the True Messiah to prove that yes, “*Jesus is the answer for the world today; above Him, there's no other, for Jesus is the way.*”

**JUNE 6 // COMMUNION SUNDAY // The Ancients Speak into Today's World, Offering Hope & Grace: A Study in Isaiah—Isaiah 49-53 // I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

The Servant Songs are among the most studied of all the texts found in Isaiah. When studied together, they tell the story of Jesus the Messiah: From His humble birth to His agonizing death and powerful resurrection. These are songs of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**JUNE 13 // Grayling Trees (A BCC-Supported Missionary in France)**

**JUNE 20 // WORSHIP IN THE PARK (Reitenour Family Commissioning)**

**Jonah 1-4 // Jonah and God's Great Question**

Most know the story of the reluctant prophet-missionary, Jonah, who tried to avoid God's assignment. He discovered that you cannot out-distance yourself from God and finally became obedient to God's assignment after being swallowed by a huge fish and vomited onto dry land. The story of Jonah concludes with God asking Jonah one of the most powerful questions ever asked within the Bible. What does God want us to learn from this?

**JUNE 27 // The Ancients Speak into Today's World, Offering Hope & Grace:**

**A Study in Isaiah—Isaiah 54-55 // The Blessings of Peace and Grace**

“*Grace and peace*” is the most common greeting recorded in the New Testament. Grace is a gift that cannot be earned or purchased and peace is something we can give to others as it flows out from us. Isaiah 54 focuses upon the peace that God will bestow upon Israel in the last days and how that portrays God's faithfulness. Isaiah 55 challenges us with a spirit of evangelism and outreach and reminds us of the power and purpose of God's Word that will always accomplish the intents of God.

**JULY 4 & 11 // The Ancients Speak into Today's World, Offering Hope & Grace**

**A Study in Isaiah—Pastor Max**

**JULY 18–SEPT 5 // Pastor Max will begin the series “Lessons on Worship: A Study of the Psalms.”** He will delve into Psalms like “*The Psalm of the Cross*” (Ps. 22), “*The Psalm of the Shepherd*” (Ps. 23), “*The Psalm of God's Presence*” (Ps. 139), and “*The Psalm of Thanksgiving*” (Ps. 103) that will help us discover truths about worship and our relationship with God, both in our own homes and with others at BCC.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

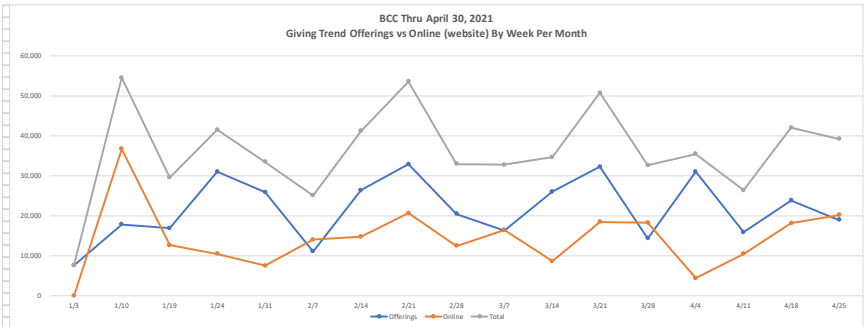
## EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH of BUFFALO INCOME & SPENDING ANALYSIS - 2021 GENERAL OPERATING FUND

	Year to Date: April				Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance - Fav(Unfav)		
			\$	%	
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>					
<b>Giving &amp; Interest</b>					
Tithes & Offerings	569,658	558,000	11,658	2%	\$1,770,200
Charitable Grants/Other	45,859	0	45,859		\$0
Interest	1,089	1,600	(511)	(32%)	\$4,800
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0		\$0
<b>TOTAL Giving &amp; Interest</b>	<b>\$616,607</b>	<b>\$559,600</b>	<b>\$57,007</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$1,775,000</b>
<b>COMMISSION EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Children's Ministry	1,219	8,650	7,431	86%	28,200
Faith@Home	9,806	17,000	7,194	42%	35,150
Discipleship	16,727	8,500	(8,227)	(97%)	17,250
Missions - Care	78,361	80,847	2,486	3%	261,100
Missions	76,096	77,347	1,250	2%	250,500
Care & Prayer	2,265	3,500	1,235	35%	10,600
Operations	431,302	455,020	23,717	5%	1,371,954
Office Operations	18,293	23,662	5,369	23%	67,362
Personnel	340,441	356,891	16,450	5%	1,059,607
Buildings/Grounds	44,139	41,700	(2,439)	(6%)	136,800
Technology	9,426	10,800	1,374	13%	32,400
Transportation	2,028	3,495	1,467	42%	12,115
Finance	16,338	16,555	217	1%	51,270
Stewardship	0	0	0		1,500
Hospitality	638	1,917	1,279	67%	10,900
Youth Ministries	3,362	6,672	3,310	50%	30,686
Worship	6,894	8,170	1,276	16%	30,660
Other	49	0	(49)		0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>547,719</b>	<b>584,858</b>	<b>37,139</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1,775,000</b>

# Financial Summary - April 2021 General Fund

<b>Cash Balance – Beginning of Year</b>	<b>\$ 569,109</b>
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings/Interest</b>	<b>\$ 616,607</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (547,719)</b>
<b>Non-Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ (118,000)</b>
<b>Cash Balance – End of April</b>	<b><u>\$ 519,996</u></b>
<b>Decreased Contingency Fund by</b>	<b>\$ (49,109)</b>
<b><u>Cash in Bank Equals 3.52 Months of Expenses</u></b>	

# Financial Summary – April 2021 General Fund Weekly Giving Summary



Weeks	1/3	1/10	1/19	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/14	2/21	2/28	3/7	3/14	3/21	3/28
Offerings	7,631	17,848	16,923	31,068	25,935	11,103	26,447	32,929	20,495	16,374	26,035	32,296	14,359
Online	0	36,713	12,662	10,504	7,561	14,022	14,787	20,675	12,490	16,443	8,647	18,495	18,311
Total	7,631	54,561	29,585	41,572	33,496	25,124	41,233	53,604	32,984	32,817	34,681	50,791	32,670

Weeks	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25
Offerings	31,071	15,906	23,876	18,993
Online	4,418	10,507	18,167	20,227
Total	35,489	26,413	42,043	39,220

# Upcoming **EVENTS**



## **NEWCOMER LUNCH**

**NEWCOMER LUNCHEON // June 6 // 12:15–2:00 pm // Church Patio**

Join us for a casual, free lunch where you will meet our pastors, staff and members to learn more about classes, groups, events, serving opportunities, and ways to connect here at BCC. Families with children, of all ages, are encouraged to come together.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING // June 13 // 6:00 pm // Worship Center**  
**Pre-Meeting Prayer at 5:00 pm in the Youth Room**

We are blessed and humbled by God's continued provision and protection in countless ways. This June's Congregational Meeting will include an exciting financial update, presentation of new membership candidates in our growing congregation and attending member affirmation of Elder Board leadership. Pastor Max Frazier will also share his thoughts on the direction of BCC's ministries and what we can look forward to in the future.

## *believer* **BAPTISM**

**BELIEVER BAPTISM // August 1 // 2:00 pm // Lake Pulaski–1802 Hillside Lane**

Buffalo Covenant Church will be having a baptismal service by immersion at Lake Pulaski on August 1. BCC believes that believer baptism is one of the two ordinances that Jesus left for his church to follow. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Church Office for information and to receive the necessary paperwork.

**BAPTISM INFORMATIONAL MEETING // July 27 // 6:30 pm // Room 201**

Join us for this very important informational meeting if you desire to be baptized.



# WORSHIP *in the* PARK

**JUNE 20 // STURGES PARK, BUFFALO, MN**

**Light Breakfast & Music begin at 9:30 am**

**Worship Service begins at 10:00 am**

Please join us for our annual Worship in the Park at Sturges Park here in Buffalo. A free breakfast will be served at the Sturges Park Pavillion starting at 9:30 am. Worship will begin at 10:00 am, with the BCC worship team leading the service and Pastor Max preaching. We will also commission the Reitenour family as they follow the Lord's leading into missions in Africa. *(See page 21)*

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for this fun event! Invite your family, neighbors and friends. We hope to see you there!

***[buffalocov.org/park](http://buffalocov.org/park)***

**STURGES PARK: 505 2nd Ave S, Buffalo, MN 55313**

*\*In case of rain, the entire event will take place in  
Buffalo Covenant Church at 9:00 & 11:00 am*

# Summer

## FAMILY FUN FEST

**SUNDAY, JULY 25**

**4:00–7:00 PM**

**DINNER SERVED AT 5:00 PM**

Join us for a **FREE** community event starting at 4:00 pm with food, games and activities.

Lawn Games, Ladder Ball, Giant Jenga, Bean Bag Toss, Volleyball, Sidewalk Chalk, Water activities, Free Food and More!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information coming soon!

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**[buffalocov.org/summerfest](https://buffalocov.org/summerfest)**



## BLOOD DRIVE AT BCC

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Friday, May 28 // 10:00 am–4:00 pm // Buffalo Covenant Church

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Buffalo Covenant Church. Schedule your appointment time at [buffalocov.org/strong](http://buffalocov.org/strong).

## NOURISHING HOPE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

### PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION DAYS

June 14, July 12, August 9 // 4:00 pm // BCC Parking Lot

Produce Distribution at BCC will continue over the summer. This is a great opportunity for us to offer food to those in need in the community. If you are available to volunteer, please let us know! This is also a great way to receive free food for yourselves or others in need. There are no signups, fees or financial requirements to receive food. For information or questions, contact the Church Office (763.682.1470), Reid, or Terri. ([reid@buffalocov.org](mailto:reid@buffalocov.org), [terri@buffalocov.org](mailto:terri@buffalocov.org))



### SOUP & PRAYER

June 6, July 25, August 29 // 12:00-1:30 pm // Room 201

Please join us for a simple meal and a time of prayer at Noon. During this time of prayer, we'll focus on praying for the people and needs of our congregation, prayer requests we've received, our church ministries and our nation.

# BECOMING MOMSTRONG

## **BECOMING MOMSTRONG // Bible Study & Fitness Group With Janine Kruger** **Friday Mornings, June 25–August 27 // 6:30–8:00 am // BCC Gym**

Join Pastor Janine for a unique summer group that focuses on spiritual health with a Bible study and physical health with group fitness. There will be a 30 minute workout followed by a 45 minute study/discussion time. Workouts will be from “Nourish Move Love”. (Available on YouTube) The Bible Study will be the book “*Becoming MomStrong*” by Heidi St. John. For women and moms of all ages. Find more information at [buffalocov.org/momstrong](http://buffalocov.org/momstrong).

### **ABOUT MOMSTRONG:**

The rapid-fire changes in our culture can cause frustration & fear. Moms are now facing questions and challenges that previous generations didn't even see coming. Today's moms need to be strongly rooted in the power of the Lord as He uses this generation of moms to do something extraordinary. Be encouraged to be authentic & equipped to follow God's voice & walk in truth no matter where the culture is heading. Be strong in the Lord, know who you are in Christ, and impart God's strength to your kids...be MomStrong and learn to fight with all that's in you for your family and your faith.



**Perspectives™**

## **PERSPECTIVES CLASS // Class Begins January 13, 2022**

We are once again planning our next Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class. This potentially life changing, 15-week course will guide you in finding and fulfilling your purpose in furthering God's Kingdom. This class features different engaging speakers each week, along with a Perspectives Reader, Workbook, and more. In this class we will cover four areas:

**Biblical:** Discover how The Living God is a Missionary God

**History:** Study the Eras of Mission History from the time of Abraham until the present

**Culture:** Learn about the culture and intercultural communication of the Gospel

**Strategy:** Discover what it means to integrate our lives for Christ's Global Purpose as a “World Christian”.

## **Perspectives Informational Meeting // Monday, August 30 // 7:00 pm**

Join us for an informational meeting to answer any questions you have about Perspectives. If you have questions before the meeting, please contact Pastor Reid or Terri ([reid@buffalocov.org](mailto:reid@buffalocov.org), [terri@buffalocov.org](mailto:terri@buffalocov.org)), or learn more at [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org).

# support GROUPS

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesdays // 7:00–8:00 pm // Gym

Narcotics Anonymous offers recovery from the effects of addiction through working an organized twelve-step program, including regular attendance at group meetings. If you, or someone you know, is in need of this ministry, please contact the church office. (763.682.1470 // [office@buffalocov.org](mailto:office@buffalocov.org))

## N.O.W. MINISTRY

Last Tuesday of the Month // Tuesday, May 25

Nurturing Our Widows (NOW) Ministry is for those who have lost their husband, either recently or many years ago. There are monthly social events to provide spiritual and emotional support, encouragement, and fellowship. Contact the Church Office for more information. (763.682.1470 // [office@buffalocov.org](mailto:office@buffalocov.org))

# 10:10 express

## 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPRESS

Join us for our Sunday School, 10:10 Express, which runs between services from 10:10-10:50 am every Sunday in the BCC Gym. ([buffalocov.org/express](http://buffalocov.org/express))

**May 16**—*Bees – A Very Intelligent Design!* (Gregg Hermerding & John Jarvela)

**May 23**—*Revival Begins With You: Seven Steps To Revival* (Dr. Oliver Blosser)

**May 30**—*The Greatest Commandment* (Don Muilenburg)

**June 6**—Congregational Meeting Preview, Elder Candidate Meet & Greet

**June 13**—Sandra Trees–BCC Supported Missionary update from France

**June 20**—No class, Worship in the Park

**June 27**—*Current Events* (Dennis Lingo)

# Adult MINISTRY



**S.A.L.T.**  
SENIOR ADULTS LIVING  
*triumphantly!*

Senior Adults Living Triumphantly (S.A.L.T) is a group for you and/or your spouse, age 59 or over. We meet in the afternoon on the third Tuesday each month for worship and fellowship. Invite a friend to come and share with you in these exciting and informative afternoons! ([buffalocov.org/salt](http://buffalocov.org/salt))

## **Tuesday, May 18 // 1:30 pm // Youth Room**

Pastor Max and Nathan Schrick will be speaking on the subject of The Equality Act. H.R. 5. If passed, this act will alter nearly every aspect of American life. It has already passed the House and is delayed in the Senate because of strong opposition. You are strongly encouraged to come and bring a friend with you for this important afternoon. Following the presentation, the annual salad luncheon will be held, which is always a huge favorite.

## **Tuesday, June 15 // 1:30 pm // Worship Center**

We have the privilege of hearing from State Senator Bruce Anderson. Bruce will share with us the “highs and lows” of the recently completed Minnesota Legislative Session as well as share his thoughts about what is happening, not only with in the State of Minnesota, but within our nation as well. June also features our famous “pie social” which will be served following the program.

## **Tuesday, July 20 // 1:30 pm // Youth Room**

Our special guest will be Doug Ohman, founder of Pioneer Photography and Services. Doug has been a guest before and shared fascinating stories about Minnesota’s Barns and Churches. This time, Doug will be sharing stories and pictures of Minnesota’s Vanishing Landmarks. As he writes, “Explore the back roads and small towns and hear the stories and history of Minnesota through historic buildings that are quickly disappearing. Doug will share his experiences visiting many of these sites from Minnesota’s oldest Courthouse to the last Civil War recruiting station.” Refreshments served following the program.

# Childrens **MINISTRY**

**VBS LEADER MEETING** // Wednesday, June 2 // 6:30-9:00 pm // KidSpace

## **T&T BOOK COMPLETERS DAY OUT CELEBRATION**

**June 24 // 10:00 am-10:00 pm // Dennis & Julie Lingo's Ranch**

We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of those who persevered to finish their Awana books this year. (Eligible to T&T'ers who finished their books.)

We will swim, play, compete, meet horses and other animals, eat and have fellowship around the campfire with devotions from God's Word. For more information, contact Pastor Janine. Cost: \$10 donation. BCC Medical Release form and Day Out Permission form required. Transportation not provided.

Find more details at [buffalocov.org/awana](http://buffalocov.org/awana).



## **FIFTH GRADE MILESTONE—SERVICE & MISSIONS**

**Part 1 // May 23 // 10:10 am // KidSpace**

**Service Project: Cheerful Givers Birthday Bags // June 8 // 7:00 pm // KidSpace**

**Service Project: Feed My Starving Children // June 21 // 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Part 2 // June 27 // 10:10 am // KidSpace**

## **KINDERGARTEN MILESTONE—WORSHIP**

**August 29 // 10:10 am // KidSpace** // The Kindergarten Worship Milestone will be held on Sunday, August 29. If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten this school year, this Milestone event is for you and your child!



# 2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## DATES & TIMES

Monday through Friday  
June 14-18 // 9:00-11:45 am

## THEME

Shine // Psalm 34:5,  
"Those who look to Him  
are radiant."

## AGES

Age 4–Grade 4  
(*must be potty trained*)

## COST

\$18 per child  
\$40 max per family

## REGISTRATION

Open May 5-June 11 // Register in the Commons or online  
[buffalocov.org/vbs2021](http://buffalocov.org/vbs2021)

## Music & Drama SUMMER CAMP



### MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP

Monday-Friday, August 2-6 // Watch for more information coming soon!

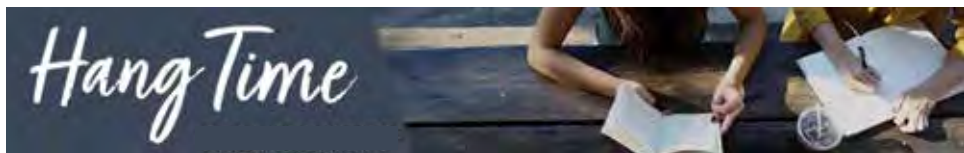
Singing, Acting, Dancing, and Sharing God's Truth! Music Camp is the perfect opportunity for kids who have completed grades 1-5 to share their gifts and talents with the family of God as they prepare and present a complete one-hour musical on Sunday morning, August 8 during the Sunday Services.

### MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP MUSICAL

Sunday, August 8 // During the 9:00 & 11:00 am Services // Worship Center  
Livestream Available at 9:00 am ([buffalocov.org/live](http://buffalocov.org/live))



# Youth MINISTRY



**HANG TIME** // Hang Time is a student ministry for students entering grades 6-8 that stresses commitment to Jesus Christ and serving others. Gatherings include a time of fellowship, worship, teaching, small group time, snacks, activities and special events throughout the year. *Meets Wednesday evenings during the summer from 6:30-8:30 pm.*

June 30 at Gilbert's Farm // July 7 at BCC // July 14 at BCC // July 28 at Lingo's Ranch



**CHILL OUT** // Chill Out is a ministry to help students entering grades 9-12 transition to adulthood while honoring God. High schoolers meet weekly for a time of fellowship, worship, teaching, small group discussion, snacks and activities, as well as special events throughout the year. *Meets Sunday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm.*

June 27 at BCC // July 11 at BCC // July 25 at Lingo's Ranch // Aug 1 at BCC



**ACCESS** // ACCESS is a youth group for students in grades 6-12 with special needs. Contact Tonya Sands ([access@buffalocov.org](mailto:access@buffalocov.org)) for more information. *Meets once a month on Saturdays at BCC from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Room/Patio.*

May 15 // June 26 // July 31 // August 21

\* Access Sunday school resumes in the fall.

We are so grateful for and proud of our BCC youth, who worked so hard this ministry year.

## 2021 BCC GRADUATES

Grace Baer  
Brandon Czanstkowski  
Rebecca Douglas  
Joey Driver  
Alyssa Hegna  
Sam Hershley  
Clara Holmberg  
Dillon Huss

Carly Kauffman  
Nathan King  
Christian Lara  
Luke Larson  
Karsten Locke  
Bradley Malwitz  
Jack McDonnell  
Alayna Mills

Ellie Perry  
Joselyn Peterson  
Ethan Reay  
Annelise Raisanen  
Alayna Russell  
Micah Sollom  
Alandra Stoll  
Clare Vander Kooi

## TRACK CLASS 101 (8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION)

Lucy Anderson  
Eric Bajema  
Julia Bishop  
Sydney Breimon  
Kayla Bultena  
Caleb Crawford  
Gaia DeYoung  
Mazie DeYoung  
Sufi DeYoung  
Joseph Gust

Cece Holmberg  
Dexter Huss  
Taycee Johnson  
Aidan Kauffman  
Zane Kendzora  
Aphia Kruger  
Jacob Lambrecht  
Maki Larson  
Mathew Ness  
McKenna Nissen

Madi Norgren  
Isaac Olmscheid  
Cyreonna Otto  
Hayden Pagel  
Henry Pagel  
Leah Raisanen  
Edmund Reiss  
Kaitlyn Violet  
Noah Wallin

## TRACK CLASS 201 (9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION)

Jonah Anderson  
Peyton Anderson  
Soren Bergstrom  
Sam Crosbie  
Kyle Douglas  
Avery Ellis  
Atley Endreson  
Malaika Gallus

Daniel Gust  
Ryleigh Hawkinson  
Aidan Kauffman  
Ella Kendzora  
Clara Larson  
Tony Leintz  
Olli Niemela  
Emily Olson

Julia Pack  
Marlo Reynolds  
Jack Robinson  
Andrea Rodenwald  
Bode Russell  
Jack Vander Kooi  
Avery Walstad  
Isaiah Walz

## **TRACK CLASS 301 (WORLDVIEW)**

Brady Anderson  
Breanne Bajema  
Tommy Chiavetta  
Mikayla Corbin  
Gracie Crowell  
Kendra Faith Ellis  
Alex Fischer  
Anton Fischer

CJ Fogelquist  
Luke Huss  
Ella Kabe  
Jonah Kruger  
Quinn Lonetti  
Broc Mutterer  
Faith Mutterer  
Hannah Nord

Nicholas Olmscheid  
Aliya Peterson  
Hattie Pool  
Danielle Rodenwald  
Mylie Wall  
Karina Wallenta

## **TRACK CLASS 401 (OT HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY)**

Clara Holmberg  
Carly Kauffman  
Chris Kauffman  
Jaari Larson  
Jonathan Lies

William Pool  
Tatum Reiss  
Brandon Uecker  
Caden Uecker  
Nick Uecker

## **TRACK CLASS 501 (APOLOGETICS)**

Grace Baer  
Jim Baer  
Julie Kabe

Leanne Reay  
Clare Vander Kooi

# Youth MINISTRY



## SHOE AWAY HUNGER SHOE DRIVE

BCC middle schoolers brought in 366 pairs of shoes for the church's Shoe Away Hunger Shoe Drive. The 8th grade boys small group collected 139 pairs alone!



## HANG TIME FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION WEIGHS IN A TRIUMPH

Throughout the month of March, BCC Middle School small groups have a friendly Food Drive competition to collect food for the Buffalo Food Shelf. This year, students knocked it out of the park by bringing in 1,546 pounds of food. The 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys tied for first place, each bringing in 491 pounds, which earned them a trip to What's the Scoop on the last night of the competition. Great job everyone!

## UPCOMING MISSIONARY VISIT // GRAYLING TREES

**Sunday, June 13 // Sunday Services**

We are excited to have our BCC supported Grayling Trees with us to speak on June 13! Grayling and Sandra have been serving in France for many years. We were moved by Grayling's message when they were here for the Missions Conference this past October and look forward to hearing him speak again!

## REITENOUR COMMISSIONING

**Sunday Morning, June 20 // During Worship in the Park**

We will be commissioning the Reitenour family as they make final preparations to move to Kenya. This will be an exciting addition to Worship in the Park as we bless this special BCC family and send them to the mission field. Please continue to hold Nick, Stephanie, Dexter, Rowan, and Spencer up in prayer, as they continue to be obedient to the Lord's calling.

## APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP & COAT DRIVE

**August 7-13 // Meadow Bridge, West Virginia // Coat Drive in July**

We will once again be sending a team of short-term missionaries to Meadow Bridge, West Virginia in August.

The BCC congregation is encouraged to come alongside this trip by collecting new and gently used coats for men, women, and children during the month of July. These coats will be donated to those being ministered to, as there is a great need for all types and sizes of coats in Appalachia! Please keep this need in mind, as you go through closets or pick up an extra when you're shopping for your fall and winter coats! For questions, please contact Reid or Terri ([reid@buffalocov.org](mailto:reid@buffalocov.org), [terri@buffalocov.org](mailto:terri@buffalocov.org)) or the Church Office (763.682.1470).

# Missionary UPDATES

## Russ and Kim Davison • Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), Great River Chapter

CEF has a unique mission opportunity for Christian teenagers. One of our ministries is to reach children in our community through 5-Day Clubs. Each 5-Day Club meets for one week during the summer, Monday through Friday, for 90 minutes each day. Many different locations are effective for this outreach including neighborhood backyards, parks, housing developments, and churches.

CEF trains Christian teenagers to conduct the 5-Day clubs. Our training program is called Christian Youth in Action. During training, the teens are taught how to connect with children and share the Gospel in a simple and engaging way. They also are strengthened and discipled in their own faith. After attending training, the teens have the opportunity to teach up to 8 weeks of clubs, ministering to children and adults in and around their communities. They also have the option to raise support and be paid for teaching if they are at least 14 years of age.

The main emphasis during the clubs is to show the unsaved children the way of salvation through belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We also guide the Christian children as they grow in their faith in Jesus.

We also have a ministry during the school year called Good News Club (GNC). We usually teach these once a week in an elementary school. Each club is taught by adult and teen volunteers who teach Bible lessons, sing songs, play games, and get to know the kids, showing them Christ's love. This year, because of COVID we haven't had the opportunity to meet in the schools so we have been doing GNC in a bag. We pack a bag of activities, evangelistic and discipleship materials, snacks, and a craft each month and deliver it to the children. The kids can watch lessons online. Each month, as the bags are distributed, the kids and their families have been able to connect with their GNC teachers or 5-Day club host. Some of the 85 children who have been receiving the bags are believers and attend church, however, there are quite a number of children who do not attend church. Some come from very difficult backgrounds. One local church has hired a school bus to take the children from the local elementary school to their church for the weekly GNC. Since they were not able to meet in the school, God provided another way for them to be ministered to.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support and partnership with us. We greatly appreciate it. We hope to be able to continue partnering with you to reach the children in our community. Please prayer with us for the children to hear the message of Christ, and to accept him, and that children and their parents will come to Christ, and be discipled in their local church. Pray that we can find more churches to partner with, people to host 5-Day Clubs, and teachers for Good News Clubs. Also pray for God's wisdom, direction, and strength to equip young people and adults and to reach children in an ever-changing world. If you would like to host a 5-Day club or are interested in volunteering in a GNC or want to learn more about our ministry, contact us at [cefgreatriverchapter@startmail.com](mailto:cefgreatriverchapter@startmail.com) or 612.456.3559.

### Rob and Kathy Johnson • Christian Fellowship Union • Mexico

I am teaching 1 Timothy to a few students from a church in the Highlands of Jalisco (by Zoom). This is the area of the country with the lowest percentage of evangelicals, so I am very glad to help equip these believers to serve in this needy region. This class meets once every two weeks.

I am also teaching Old Testament survey to a group of ten students from the Mexico City area (by Zoom). Two of the men are lay pastors. This is another great equipping opportunity. This class meets once per week.

Another project is based on the book of Philippians. My desire is to write a simple commentary in Spanish that could be a tool for pastors as they prepare to preach and teach. As I work, I am also sending 10-15 minute expository “capsules”—a few verses at a time to a few men in Mexico who have asked for them.

**Praises:** Two Sundays ago, Ageo baptized five people. God is at work!

**Prayer Requests:** Pray for safety as we begin meeting together, for Ron and the crew as they work on repairs from a strong storm, and for the Cameroonians whose homes have flooded in the heavy rains.

### Joey, Calli and Baby Sam Howell • CRU • Orlando, Florida

**Praises:** Cru has lifted some of the international travel restrictions! Also, our move was successful and we are loving our new place.

**Prayer Requests:** Please pray for our team in East Africa doing language sets, for more opportunities and for baby Sam’s continued growth, development and that he will know Jesus as his Savior one day. Also, please pray for a man I will call “Ace” for security reasons. He is a refugee from a middle eastern people group that we have been doing a language project in. I have had the pleasure of working with him as he’s helped us test stories from the Bible in his language and he asks very good questions too. Please pray he will find the One the stories tell about.

### Adventurous Christians • Grand Marais, MN

We were thankful to be able to host small groups this winter. We started the fall with a trip that kicked off Lake Beauty Bible Camp’s gap year program. Running at half capacity has put a level of stress on our financial situation however and this has made us thankful for our relationship with our churches and the people who have supported this ministry. Please pray for summer operations, for safety and for the participants we will encounter.



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