



CALL COMMITTEE

Mick Ling, Chair

Mick was born and raised in Omaha, NE and has always said Omaha is a great place to be "from." He attended Bethel College where he received his degree in 1989. He also met his wife Wendy at Bethel. They have two sons, Cody (married to Crosby) and Cooper.

Mick has been in the software industry for 30+ years, currently working as a Vice President for a healthcare software company in Eden Prairie. His entire family loves ALL things outdoors, spending spend time in the mountains, tents, cabins, hiking trails, rivers, kayaks, pontoons, bikes, gardens, marshes, and more.

Mick's parents modeled discipling their children and did so in many ways, including having a strong Christian marriage. His parents had been very happily



married for more than 50 years until his mother passed away a few years ago. He never knew a time when Christ was not the center of their home and his parents prayed diligently for their kids' salvation. Through their prayers, God's grace, and Christ's death on the cross. Mick received Christ as his Savior when he was 12, but continues to realize the depravity of his sin and the need for a Savior.

Mick began attending BCC regularly around 1993, when he came with Wendy (her home church) and felt like it was a church he could have grown up in. He has served as an adult and children's Sunday school teacher, an Awana leader, a deacon, on numerous committees, a small group leader, and two terms as an elder. BCC is certainly not perfect, but it is special to him and he's seen God bless and protect BCC through the years.

Jim Lanoff

Jim was born in St. Paul. He graduated from the U of MN with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. He was drafted in 1968 and served two years in the army and was stationed in Korea for a year. He has worked in accounting his whole career and retired in March 2018. He likes to golf, play cards, and fish.

Jim grew up with a very strong believing-in-God mother but also an equally very strong unbelieving father, though his father allowed and even participated in the family attending church. Very early on he heard the gospel message loud and clear – that he was a sinner who needed a Savior. He can't pinpoint the exact age, but sometime in his childhood, he placed his faith in Jesus as Savior, and became a child of God. However, it wasn't



until he was 35 years old that he understood that sinners are saved for a purpose, and then found the proper way to develop and maintain a relationship with God – through reading, understanding and applying God's Word. It was only then that he understood that God's word is not only pertinent to life, but that it is indeed crucial and essential.

Jim and his wife Gayle started attending BCC in 2000. Since then, he has been serving as a small group leader, on the SALT committee and enjoys a triad with Jay Rassat and Jordan Johnson. BCC's commitment to God's Word, its strong teaching, its biblical elder structure and numerous fellowship opportunities are the factors that lead him to make BCC his church home.

Mark Pederson

Mark was raised in Buffalo and Monticello. He attended college at Wheaton, IL, and graduate school at St. Cloud. He met and married his wife, Valerie, here in Buffalo. They have been married for 30+ years and have three married children and five grandchildren. He is a psychologist and as an adjunct professor at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul. Farming, hunting, camping, travel and reading are hobbies, diversions and happy places.

Mark's parents get the thank you for exemplifying Christ. He was raised in a Christian home and always knew Jesus from an early age. Lake Beauty Bible Camp was a decision point for him to follow Christ. Asking

Julie Lingo

Julie was born in Buffalo and raised at BCC. Her family of four siblings (all of whom still attend BCC), and her parents have a long history of serving at this church. She and her husband Dennis have been married 30 years and have two sons, Luke and Matt, a daughter-in-law, Mollie, and granddaughter Sage.

Julie's personal testimony goes back to the fourth grade when she accepted Jesus into her heart at BCC and she re-dedicated her life to Christ soon after Pastor Brett Schmidt began pastoring them.

Gregg Hermerding

Gregg and his wife Connie began attending BCC in 1978 after seeking a church that was scripturally sound, welcoming, friendly, had vital worship, and great music. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Gregg taught grades 2-5 and served as a media specialist at Monticello Public Schools for 37 years. He is currently a part-time librarian for the Great River Regional Library in Buffalo. His hobbies include cooking, baking bread, beekeeping, making jams, jellies, and wine, and



Valerie to join him in this earthly journey, as well as the birth of each of their three children were additional, intentional conversations with God about who needed to be in charge. His family started attending BCC when he was in fourth grade and has attended ever since. He has served as church Moderator/Chairman, Elder, Deacon of Adult Education, Building and Grounds, Cemetery Board, the pastor's wife and bus driver, teacher, and small group leader.

While BCC is not perfect, nor filled with perfect people, its people seek Jesus. Mark feels BCC stands on the orthodoxy of the Scriptures and the fruit of this place and the people who call it home is evident.



She volunteered in many of the youth ministries as her kids were going through them, from Cubbies and Awana to Chill Out. Currently she has served on the Mission Commission for the past eight years.

After not attending BCC after college, Julie and Dennis have been here since 2000 because they love the worship, Biblical preaching from the pulpit and all the teaching opportunities available. Equally important is how they are surrounded by other believers of like mind who share their biblical worldview.



attempting to keep a garden growing.

He is currently a BCC Elder, and has served as a Elder/Moderator, a Sunday School teacher and speaker, directed the Mini-singers with Connie, as a Care Ministry team member, with the Leadership Team for Adult and Spiritual Formation, on various call committees, a church choir member and leading Bible studies in their home. He has prayed that God would continue to use him and hopes the world has been made a bit better because of God's influence in his life.

Mary Marty

Mary born and raised in south Minneapolis. She married Dan, her high school sweetheart and God blessed them with three amazing children (their two daughters and their families are members of BCC). After Dan graduated from chiropractic college, they moved to Buffalo in 1976 for him to start a clinic here. It was a massive change for them, but one of the first things they did after moving was find a church. This proved more challenging than they thought until they arrived at BCC, immediately knowing this was where God wanted them to be.

When their youngest graduated from high school, God called the Martyrs to serve at another Christian church for almost 20 years. In 2009 they came back to BCC. For many months after, Mary couldn't make it through a service with out crying tears of joy. Pastor Max, the music, the programs, the people—they were home! She and Dan worshiped together until God called him Home on 2014. Mary has been blessed to serve here in various capacities, from teaching fourth grade Sunday school,



visiting shut-ins, helping with youth fundraisers, directing the Generations Choir, going on mission trips, and most recently being on the Commission for sexuality and the Church.

Mary was raised in a Christian home and her dad was a pastor. She attended a Christian elementary school, and doesn't remember a time when she didn't know and love Jesus. She re-dedicated her life to Him as an adult and although she was baptized as an infant, both she and her husband were baptized in the Jordan River. God blessed her with a singing voice that she used for many years to praise Him. Now she uses her voice to praise Him as a Psychologist at the Family Counseling Center here in Buffalo. It has been her privilege to share with so many the healing, the forgiveness, the freedom, the hope, the new life that is found in Jesus Christ. Her precious mother used to say: "Mary, remember you are an ambassador for the Lord Jesus Christ." That is her hearts desire—to love the Lord with all her heart and represent Him well.

Shelly Larson

Shelly Larson was born and raised in Crookston, MN. She and husband, Andy, own a small business, and she is a home educator. She loves most outdoor activities including gardening, a day at the lake, and hiking. She and Andy have been married 21 years and are abundantly blessed with the crazy busyness of raising Luke, Ian, Clara, Joe, and Calma.

Her walk with Jesus began at a young age when her mom especially taught the love of Jesus Christ and the joy of calling Him Savior. She prayed and read scripture to Shelly daily as a child, and Shelly personally accepted Jesus as a young elementary student when she realized during a Sunday School lesson that Jesus desired her total surrender to Him, and He desired to be Savior over each area of her life. Upon her commitment to Christ, she remembers being enthusiastically greeted by a Sunday School teacher as, "Sister, her new Sister in Christ."



Shelly's family began attending BCC about six years ago and they immediately became involved! She and Andy have both enjoyed serving as middle school youth leaders, nursery volunteers, and she has been a Sunday School teacher. As a family they have been involved in a small group Bible study, invested as leaders in the ACCESS ministry, which includes a Saturday night youth group and a Sunday School class for individuals with disabilities. She and her teens serve in the AWANA program each Wednesday.

Individually and as a family, the Larsons have been blessed and stretched by the Biblical teaching and programs at BCC. They are humbled to serve, learn, and worship with this church family, as the steadfast witness of the BCC body of believers strengthens their faith.

Janine Kruger

Janine was raised in New Hope, MN and attended college in Minneapolis, earning a bachelor's in Youth & Family Ministry. She is BCC's Children's and Family Pastor. She and Jeremiah have been married for 19 years and have called Buffalo home for all of those years. They have three kids, Jonah, Aphia, and Isaiah. She loves to travel, cook, work hard, play hard, and relax hard.

When Janine was seven years old she talked with her mom about being a sinner and how Jesus had come to wash away that sin. Her mother taught her about Jesus and His saving power. She knew from that moment her life was changed and she was a believer, saved by His grace. At 11, at Arrowhead Bible Camp, was the first time she remembers feeling the Holy Spirit in a deep and powerful way leading to an intense



re-dedication of her life to the Lord.

The Krugers started attending BCC in 2005 and quickly plugged in. Janine has served in MOPS Leadership, as a Small Group Leader, and numerous and various roles in Children's Ministry and in Youth Ministry. BCC is home to her, there is no question of that. BCC is her family of families. She is committed to this church family because it is just that—family. It may be messy, it may be hard, it may be wonderful, it may be super fun, it may be frustrating, but the family of BCC is committed to one another. We work in things together and through things together. Janine knows at the end of the day we are here to be God's tools, His hands and feet, His disciples, who make disciples of Jesus Christ and we push each other to do that in loving and challenging ways.

Beau Lumbusch

Beau was born and raised in Buffalo. He owns a financial planning firm focusing on aligning investment and finances with biblical values. He is married to Brooke and has three children, Grace, Joshua, and Judah. They enjoy mountain biking, fishing, outdoor projects, and volunteering.

When Beau and Brooke first started attending BCC, he knew about the Lord but did not have a relationship with Jesus. While he was going through a difficult season in his life, Pastor Steve Wintermantel explained who Jesus was, what he did, and with Steve, Beau asked Jesus into his life. That day sitting in Pastor Steve's office changed his life and he's forever grateful for what Jesus did and for Pastor Steve's time to share that good news.

Beau and Brooke landed at BCC when they were engaged. They wanted to find a church that held to God's



word, offered opportunities to grow and the ability to become the hands and feet of God's mission. They have been happy to call BCC their home for the last 10+ years. He has been involved in ushering, safety team, 20-30s adult ministries, Bible studies, and adult education programing. He is blessed to be a part of a church that has a root in God's word. He has seen how BCC has helped him in his faith walk, and he knows others who have grown to know the Lord through BCC. He sees the roots that families have put down here and the strong faith they have built. He wants to have his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow to know and serve the Lord. BCC has been instrumental in that commitment and he and Brooke are grateful for the opportunity to have their faith strengthened through BCC and also be equipped to go and make disciples for Jesus Christ.