

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 23, 10:10 am // Gym**

Join us for a special congregational meeting, with a vote to call Darren Olson as the incoming Youth & Family Ministry Pastor. Members will be directed to sign in and then given a ballot. Please note that only current BCC members will be able to cast a vote. We encourage everyone to pray over this weighty decision to call a pastor and for God's direction for our congregation.

### MEMBERSHIP SERIES

**Mondays, April 24, May 1 & 8, 6:30 pm // Room 108**

The first class of the Membership Series starts Monday, April 24. This is a set of three separate classes that are required in order to become eligible for membership at Buffalo Covenant Church. The classes are taught by Pastor Joel McQueen and Dave Macalena. Visit [buffalocov.org/membership](http://buffalocov.org/membership) to sign up and for more information.

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

**Friday, April 28, 7 pm // Worship Center**

Without props, costumes, or sets, dependent totally on the rich and beautiful language of the King James Bible, the story of Jesus is reborn in the hearts and minds of the audience. Suitable for audience of all ages. Tom Stolz presents The Gospel According to St. Mark as a message of love and hope to the world.

### MOPS SPRING FUNDRAISER – FAMILY PHOTOSHOOT

**Sunday, April 30, 3-6 pm // Commons**

Need a family photo? Help us raise funds for our Buffalo MOPS group by having photos taken of your family by one of our MOPS moms or a local photographer. Email [buffalomops@gmail.com](mailto:buffalomops@gmail.com) to secure a 20-minute time slot. Recommended donation is \$30.

### ICA SPRING BANQUET & FUNDRAISER

**Friday, May 5, 6 pm / The Boathouse at Tween Lakes, Annandale, MN**

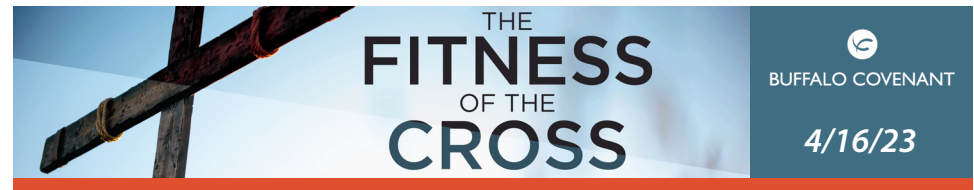
Come and join Impact Christian Academy for its second annual Spring Banquet Fundraiser - an evening devoted to being anchored in Christ. You'll be able to laugh along with comedian Bob Stromberg, bid on some great silent auction items, and hear testimonies of all that the Lord has done this past year at ICA. Dinner is catered by The River Inn. Tickets can be purchased at [icabanquet.com](http://icabanquet.com).

### COMING THIS WEEK

**The Preacher's Daughters:** TODAY, 2:30-4 pm, Worship Center

**Women's Fully Alive Book Study:** Begins Tuesday, 6 pm, Room 201

**Women's Tea:** Saturday, April 22, 9:30-11:30 am, Gym



## THE FITNESS OF THE CROSS

Pastor Mark Stromberg

***Luke 24:13-35***

**In the awful incongruity of the cross, faith's eye perceives congruity, as well. For in the midst of its shocking unfairness, in the midst of its "unfitness," faith's eye sees fitness, too!**

*"In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what He suffered. –Hebrews 2:10*

*The lamb that was slain from the creation of the world. –Revelation 13:8*

*Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." –John 12:24*

*But he was pierced (wounded) for our transgressions, he was crushed (bruised) for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him and by his wounds we are healed. –Isaiah 53:5*

### COULD ANY BUT A CRUCIFIED SAVIOR REVEAL OUR SINS?

The Cross of Christ makes us realize what sin really is, and what it can do, for it is deadly.

## COULD ANY BUT A CRUCIFIED SAVIOR SAVE US FROM OUR SINS?

*Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. –Hebrews 9:22*

## COULD ANY BUT A CRUCIFIED SAVIOR MEET US IN OUR AGONY?

*"If it had not been for the Lord on my side, tell me, where would I be? I relive each moment of my visit with Corrie Ten Boom after she was paralyzed by a stroke. I recall how our eyes met as we were both fed our cucumber sandwiches. Helpless and for the most part dependent, I felt our mutual weakness. Yet, I am certain that neither of us had ever felt stronger. It makes me think of the cross of Christ - a symbol of weakness and humiliation, yet at the same time, a symbol of victory and strength.*

*For a wheelchair may confine a body that is wasting away, but no wheelchair can confine the soul... the soul that is inwardly renewed day by day. For paralyzed people can walk with the Lord. Speechless people can talk with the Almighty. Sightless people can see Jesus. Deaf people can hear the Word of God. And those like Corrie, their minds shadowy and obscure, can have the mind of Christ.*

–Joni Earickson Tada

## ALLELUIA FOR THE CROSS...FOR ITS FITNESS AND ITS WITNESS!

## ALLELUIA FOR THE RESURRECTION...FOR ITS PROMISE OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, BOTH NOW AND IN ETERNITY!

# welcome TO BUFFALO COVENANT

### NEW TO BCC?

Here at Buffalo Covenant, you can learn, grow and connect in an authentic and biblically-based community. If you want to know more about us, or have questions on how to get connected, please stop in at the Welcome Center.

### PRAYER

For prayer requests, contact the Church Office or fill out the prayer section on the Get Connected card and return to the Welcome Center.

### CHILD CARE

Child care is provided for infants through age five (pre-k) during both 9 am and 11 am services.

### COFFEE & PASTRIES

Grab a free coffee. Purchase a \$1 pastry from the BCC youth fundraiser in the Commons.

### GIVE

Offering boxes are in the back of the Worship Center or you can give at [buffalocov.org/give](http://buffalocov.org/give).

## sunday, april 16 WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** The Fitness of the Cross with Pastor Mark Stromberg  
(Communion: wafers are gluten free)

**CHILDCARE** Available at 9 am and 11 am service (ages 0-5)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Classes available for all ages from 10:10-10:50 am

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT** Held in the BCC gym at 10:10 am  
TODAY - Pastor Search Updates  
April 23 - Special Congregational Meeting

**UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS** April 23 - Triumphantly Troubled (Romans 5:1-11)  
April 30 - Our Only Hope (Romans 15:1-13)



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