

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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### VBS REGISTRATION

**Begins Sunday, May 7 // Online**

This year at Keepers of the Kingdom VBS at BCC, your kids will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in His Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom and stand strong in today's battle for truth. Sign up online at [buffalocov.org/children/special-events](http://buffalocov.org/children/special-events).

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 7, Morning Services // Worship Center**

Our confirmation students have finished class work from both the Old and New Testament, and are now ready to begin the life-long process of strengthening their faith in order to live as effective disciples of Jesus Christ. Worship with us as they affirm their faith by sharing testimonies and what they've learned through this two-year program.

### STEADFAST GARDEN MINISTRY

**Sunday, May 7, 10:10 am // Gym**

Think spring with Steadfast! This ministry is an outreach to those who are struggling. By giving away produce, we hope to display the fruit of love and kindness to our community, love through encouraging words, and kindness through selfless giving of our time, energy, and resources. Join Jeremy Rice as he share the plans for this upcoming growing season, as well as ways to get involved.

### SALT

**Sunday, May 16, 1 pm // Worship Center & Youth Room**

Join us for a musical treat at our May SALT event with David and Grace Geske! David is a pianist who has traveled the five-state area with The Songmasters, a southern gospel group. As part of his performance in the Worship Center, he will lead us in several familiar choruses. Then, you're invited to salad luncheon in the Youth Room. A love offering will be taken for David and Grace during the event.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, May 26, 9 am-3 pm // Gym**

Buffalo Covenant is again hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive this spring. We have a goal of 60 units and there are numerous spots still available. All donors will receive a Red Cross water bottle and stickers! We are still in need of volunteers to help host this event – please contact the church office to volunteer. Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment to donate.

### COMING THIS WEEK

**Chill Out End-of-the-Year Party:** TONIGHT, 6-8 pm, River City Extreme in Monticello, MN

**Last day of Awana & Wednesday Night Meal:** Wednesday, May 3

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, May 6, 8-10 am, Gym

## OUR ONLY HOPE

  
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Pastor Mark Stromberg

#### *Romans 15:1-13*

*We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

*May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.*

*As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

### THE TITLE GOD BEARS

The human heart hopes for a Savior...one who will intervene. (Romans 4:18)

The human heart hopes that trials may serve some higher purpose in life. (Romans 5:2-5)

The human heart hopes for some kind of 'golden age.' (Romans 8:22-25)

### THE TESTIMONY GOD GIVES

God's Word gives us hope by the stories recorded.

God's Word gives us hope by the insights furnished to us.

### THE TRUTH THAT GOD ASKS

A Qualifier "...as you trust in Him..."

Unless you put your faith in Him, He cannot put His hope in you.

*"Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all...As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength."* –G.K. Chesterton

*"The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love."*  
(Psalm 147:11)

*"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God."* (Psalm 43:5)

*"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."* (Psalm 62:5)

# welcome TO BUFFALO COVENANT

### NEW TO BCC?

Here at Buffalo Covenant, you can learn, grow and connect in an authentic and biblically-based community. We want to get to know you! Scan the QR code to get connected, or stop by the Welcome Center to meet our friendly volunteers.



### GIVE

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

### PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, you can submit it online via the QR code, or enter it on the connection card in the chair back. Drop the connection card off at the Welcome Center for our prayer team. You can also email requests to [office@buffalocov.org](mailto:office@buffalocov.org).

### COFFEE & PASTRIES

Start your morning with a free coffee in the Commons. You can also purchase a \$1 pastry from the BCC youth fundraiser.

## sunday, april 30 WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** Our Only Hope (Romans 15:1-13)

**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

### HELD IN THE GYM AT 10:10 AM

TODAY - Kenya Mission Trip Recap

May 7 - Steadfast Garden Ministry

May 14 - Options for Women | Cornerstone

### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 7 - The Person & Work of Christ with Pastor Joel McQueen

May 14 - The Three Worlds of the Christian (Ephesians 1:1-10) with Pastor Mark Stromberg



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