# **UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION**

buffalocov.org/events

# WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, June 18, 9:30 am // Sturges Park Pavilion, Buffalo, MN Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a free breakfast at our annual Worship in the Park on Sunday, June 18 at the Sturges Park Pavilion. Invite your family, friends and neighbors as we look forward to worshiping together with our community. Light Breakfast & Music begin at 9:30 am and worship service begins at 10 am. If you or your family are interested in serving that day, either setup or serving, please sign up in the commons or contact the church office.

### **BUFFALO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

Saturday, June 10, 8:30-10 am // Buffalo Community Center

Come for a free breakfast at the Buffalo Community Center on Saturday, June 10. Breakfast is served from 8:30-10 am. The Buffalo Community Center is located at 206 Central Avenue (across from the post office, enter through the alley).

# JONAH

Sunday, June 11 & 25 and July 2, 10:10 am // Gym

Who was this prophet who fell flat and wanted nothing to do with God's purpose? Pastor Mark narrates the life of Jonah and what we can learn from him, including how God's grace extends to us and everyone around us. This class kicks off a series that will continue with Jonathan Parker on June 25 and July 2.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, June 11// 5 pm prayer & 6 pm meeting // Worship Center

Come and see how God has been active in and through the ministries of BCC in 2023 - we will share financial and lead pastor search updates and discuss a future building expansion vision. You do not have to be a BCC member to attend. Prayer for the meeting will take place in the Youth Room at 5 pm.

#### KAHOOT AND KOOKIES

Monday, June 19, 6-7:30 pm // Youth Room

BCC Church Family, you are invited to join Access Families for a family friendly competition of Kahoot. This will be a fun opportunity to get to know each other better, enjoy cookies together, and a chance to win prizes. This is a family event, so a parent/quardian must attend.

# **SALT: VENTRILOQUIST**

Tuesday, June 20, 1:30 pm // Worship Center

Pastor Kevin Doely returns to BCC with his ventriloguism performance, using his skills as a communication tool to teach and entertain. A love offering will be taken for his ministry.



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# **HEART TROUBLE**

Pastor Joel McOueen

# **MATTHEW 15:1-20**

Many young people are leaving the evangelical church today, and the reason they give is "hypocrisy." Well, Jesus hates hypocrisy too!

## HYPOCRISY HIDES BEHIND RELIGION

The Pharisees were the "conservatives" of their day – and they were offended that the disciples were breaking "the rules." (v.1-2)

Jesus turned it back on them that they used tradition to break God's Law. (vv.3-9)

We too, can neglect family and pass it off as "ministry"; we too, can try to appear like we're "good people" when really, we need mercy and grace as much as anybody!

# HYPOCRISY RESIDES IN THE HEART The Disciples needed to "leave" religion that had no power to actually lead them in holiness and the mission God had given them. (vv.10-14)

It's not what goes into our mouths, but what comes out of our mouths that shows the uncleanness/evil in our hearts. (vv.17-20)

There is hope for hypocrites – we ALL have evil/uncleanness in our hearts. We ALL need a Savior. And Jesus died to make us clean. (1 John 2:1-2).

Confess your sins to one another, and you will be healed. (1 John 1:9; James 5:16).

# THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Read Psalm 51 this week as a prayer of confession, both individually and with your family.



## **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.

#### **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.

# **COFFEE & PASTRIES**

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



**TODAY** Heart Trouble (Matthew 15:1-20)

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

**ADULT SUNDAY** HELD IN THE GYM AT 10:10 AM

**SCHOOL** TODAY - The Purpose & Practice of Corporate Worship with

Annie Grafstrom

June 11 - Jonah with Mark Stromberg

June 18 - No Adult Sunday School (Worship in the Park)

UPCOMING SUNDAY HE SERMONS Jur

HEART SERIES WITH PASTOR JOEL MCQUEEN June 11 - Change of Heart (Matthew 15:21-28)

WORSHIP IN THE PARK WITH PASTOR MARK STROMBERG

June 18 - Giving Jesus a Fair Chance (John 7:37-51)

