

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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### BAPTISM SUNDAY

*Sunday, July 30, 10 am // BCC South Lawn*

Join us for this powerful service as we hear testimonies and celebrate with those being baptized as believers in Christ. In case of rain, the Worship Service will move indoors to two services at 9 and 11 am.

### BELIEVER BAPTISM MEETING

*Monday, July 10, 6:30-8 pm // Room 201*

Would you like to publicly celebrate and profess your faith in Jesus Christ? Our summer outdoor baptism event is on Sunday, July 30 and we would love to celebrate this with you! If you're interested, join us for an informational meeting on Monday, July 10 at 6:30 pm. For more information please visit the front desk or online at [buffalocov.org/baptism](http://buffalocov.org/baptism).

### EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH UPDATE

*Sunday, July 16, 10:10 am // Gym // With Pastor Mark Stromberg*

You are invited to the gym for an overview and update on current happenings within the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination. It's important for our congregation to be aware of what is transpiring in the broader Covenant and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

### PEPPER: PICNIC & PONTOON RIDES

*Sunday, July 16, 4:30 pm // Griffing Park on Lake Pulaski, Buffalo, MN*

Join us for a picnic at Griffing Park in the large picnic shelter. We will provide beverages and grilled brats/hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and your own lawn chair. Pontoon boat rides will be available at no cost, and lawn games will be set up as well. Plan to join us and enjoy a fun time of food, friends, fellowship!

### SALT CRAFT AND PIE SOCIAL

*Tuesday, July 18, 1:30 pm // Youth Room*

Come see how creative our seniors are! If you have a craft or art project you've created, please bring it to share with our group. (Some items may be up for sale.) And don't forget to sample the sweets during the annual pie social - your taste buds will thank you.

### COMING THIS WEEK

**Chill Out:** Sunday, July 9, 6:30 pm, Lingo's Ranch

**Produce Distribution:** Monday, July 10, 4 pm, BCC Parking Lot

**Baptism Informational Meeting:** Monday, July 10, 6:30 pm, Room 201

**Hang Time:** Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 pm, Lingo's Ranch

# TRANSFORMED

with Mark Stromberg

  
BUFFALO COVENANT

7/9/23

## STEPHEN: A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

**Acts 6:1-15; 7:1-2, 51-60**

*"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word. This proposal pleased the whole group.*

*They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit..."*

*...While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep."*

### STEPHEN WAS FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Stephen was one who did not seek to control the Holy Spirit, but was willing to be controlled by the Spirit.

Human achievement or divine appointment?

## STEPHEN WAS FULL OF WISDOM

Do we as a church possess the spirit of wisdom? Are we guided by leaders who are wise, not just smart? Are we guided by leaders who have been given understanding from above, as it is something that is given, not concocted by looking 'inward?' Do we have leaders who are able to interpret the times with the breadth of history as a guide? Do we have leaders who understand what we have sought to do in the past, thereby informing what we should do in the present and in the days to come?

## STEPHEN WAS FULL OF FAITH

People who are full of faith are people who are faithful!

*"Holy History" (Hebrews 11)*

*"Oh, for trust that brings the triumphant, when defeat seemed strangely near.  
Oh, for faith that changes fighting into victory's ringing cheer.  
Faith triumphant...knowing not defeat nor fear."*

## STEPHEN WAS FULL OF GRACE

Fruit (Graces) of the Spirit in Galatians 5

*"Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control!"*

*"All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel." Acts 16:15*

## STEPHEN WAS FULL OF POWER

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes." Acts 1:8

Power that is Supernatural...not Superficial!

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

# 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.



## COFFEE

Start your morning with a free coffee in the Commons.

## 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).

## GIVE

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

# sunday, july 9 WORSHIP WITH US

**TODAY** Stephen: A Spirit-filled Life

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

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** HELD IN THE GYM AT 10:10 AM  
TODAY - Story-Runners with Joey & Calli Howell  
July 16 - The State of the ECC with Mark Stromberg  
July 23 - Missionary Update with Reitenours

**UPCOMING SUNDAY SERMONS** TRANSFORMED WITH PASTOR MARK STROMBERG  
July 16 - Philip: A Faithful Life  
July 23 - John Mark: A Redeemed Life  
July 30 - Paul: A Visionary Life



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