

THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



A New Chapter Begins:

A new year often brings with it a sense of renewal and hope. It is a time for reflection, for letting go of the past, and for embracing the possibilities that lie ahead.

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Dear Burr Ridge Community Church Family,

As we move into February, a month often associated with love and warmth, I'm filled with gratitude for the strong sense of community we share here at Burr Ridge Community Church. January was a time for reflection and planning for the year ahead. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to making it such a meaningful start to the year.

Looking ahead to February, we have some exciting opportunities to connect, grow in our faith, and serve our community. This month, we will have our Chili Cook-Off on February 9, a sock collection for DuPage PADS for the month, and preparing ourselves for Lent. More details on all of these events and more can be found within this newsletter.

I encourage you to take a moment to read through the upcoming announcements and find ways to get involved. Whether it's through worship, fellowship, or service, there's a place for everyone at Burr Ridge Community Church.

Warmly,

Hannah Sundwall

President, Burr Ridge Community Church



COUNCIL UPDATES

BOARD OF ELDERS

Well, it's February 2025! Hoping that everyone that reads this newsletter is feeling the love of God upon you. Let there be Hope, Kindness and Love for a healthy and peaceful moments in the weeks ahead. Spring is coming!

Ashley Family lost their mother (please pray for family & friends)

Roger Family - Wife passed away

Phillip Cantu passed away

Liana lost pregnancy - Pray for healing

Denise lost brother

Pray for foster infant Lacey who struggles to grow and thrive

Steve F healing from heart surgery

Sharon & Family - Care & compassion - Son Nicholas passed

Michelle & Andy - Struggling currently

Mike Fleming - Care & blessings - Janet passed away in November

Barb Hanson - Mother passed

Brian, Shannon, Felix, Aidan - Prayers of prosperity & good health

MaryLou - Daughter Kim still fighting cancer with chemo treatments

Mark Ortega - Recovering from Kidney Cancer surgery

Mark Suva - Prayers of love and caring - Bipolar disorder

Branden Suva - Caring & healing - Multiple Sclerosis

Kathy P - Healing from cancer treatments

Kyle & Janice Vossburg - In hospital together suffering from flu

Frank & Family - Lung cancer

Denise Nieman - Brother passed

Preston Suva, Heather, Mila, Saige, Bodhi, Ezra, Eme

Brenda is having back surgery in February

Michelle & Family

Ginger M. in rehab. Severe flu in December

COUNCIL UPDATES CONT.

Burr Ridge Community Church website prayer requests:

Craig Bennett -severe medical issue,
Rob - prayers for Maria Sobel for compassion,
Steve's mother who was severely ill in the hospital,
Seth for focus and endurance as he takes challenging courses,
Lisa Rousseau & son to help them recover from hard times.
Matt - Physical pain & tinnitus
Nicole & Husband - Going thru hard times

Donated gift cards for our Benevolence Fund are always needed and appreciated. Grocery and gasoline gift cards may be given to Bill Sanford, our Treasurer. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Happy Valentines Day

Kathy Alvisu
Susann K. Pedersen



BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

February Sunday Volunteers

| Week | Greeter/Opener | Usher | Worship Assistant | Audio/Livestream | Coffee Minute |
|------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2/2 | Carrie Delzer | Carrie Delzer | Michelle Fore | TBD | TBD |
| 2/9 | TBD | Michelle Fore | Carrie Delzer | TBD | Kathy Alvisu |
| 2/16 | Carrie Delzer | Carrie Delzer | Tom Fong | TBD | Ann & Tom Fong |
| 2/23 | TBD | TBD | Michelle Fore | TBD | Deb Sanford |

CHILI COOK-OFF

BRCC would like to invite you and your friends to BRCC's Chili Cook-Off, taking place on Sunday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m. immediately following worship.

- Free to Enter: Simply name your chili and bring a crock pot full of your delicious creation by 9:30 a.m. on February 9. If you plan to bring a chili to enter, please let us know by emailing office@brucc.org no later than February Prizes await: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be awarded!
- All You Can Eat Chili: Sample everyone's chili and vote on your favorite!

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Month of January 2025

Income \$ 5,167.66

Expenses 9,395.34

Deficit (\$ 4,227.68).

Year-to-Date as of 1/31/2025

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"After an incredible amount of giving in December of last year resulting in being "in the black" for 2024, this January we are off to a slow start; offerings were roughly \$1,500 short of our budget. Accordingly, the resulting deficit is higher than anticipated."

TRUSTEE UPDATES

No updates for this month!

RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

Thank you everyone for supporting our Reserve Account Fundraising! The balance is as follows:

Interior Reserve: \$783

Can be used for sound system, interior updating & repairs.

Exterior Reserve: \$0

Can be used for exterior projects such as parking lot sealcoating and new outdoor church sign.

Total Reserves (including the above): \$96,265

Feel free to either mail or drop off your donation to the church. Please indicate where you would like your donation applied.



MANNA ORDERS

You can submit your upcoming March 2 Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, March 2
- Call the church office with your order and submit payment via mail or on-line giving;
- Send an email with your order and submit payment via mail or on-line giving.

All payments must be submitted at the time the order is placed. ****please be aware if you use a credit card for your Manna purchase, there is an additional processing fee charged to BRCC by the bank.****

Next Manna Order date: April 6

UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for Worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. either in-person or on Facebook Live or YouTube. If you are worshipping with us at home, follow along with the weekly Worship Folder found on our website. You can find the worship live stream by following the link below:

[Facebook Livestream](#)

[YouTube Livestream](#)



BOARD OF STEWARDS

Happy New Year! The only news is the conclusion of the two fundraisers in December 2024

Jazz concert:

Thank you to the members of our church for participating in our annual Jazz Concert. A fun evening indeed! The church profited \$1,358.22.

Holiday cookie sale

The bakers have once again done their magic in creating some of the all-time delicious holiday cookies. People lined up in the morning to buy and our reputation had preceded us! The church profited \$1,230.52

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

We wish Happy Birthday to those that celebrate this month. We hope you have a wonderful day!

Jean Casper - February 3

Lee Petsche - February 7

Janet Fleming - February 15

Scena Sanford - February 16

Bethany Brewer - February 16

Piper Fong - February 22

Matt Petsche - February 23

Jeff Sundwell - February 26

Please join us after service on February 23 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays this month!

SOCK SUNDAYS

In the month of February, we will be collecting new tube socks to benefit our neighbors experiencing homelessness through DuPage PADS. Socks are one of the most needed items at shelters, providing warmth and comfort during the cold winter months.

Please bring your donations to church any Sunday throughout the month of February, and place them in the designated collection bin. Let's work together to keep our community warm, one pair of socks at a time!

WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women of the congregation are invited to attend Women's Wellness on **Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 pm.**

Anyone who is or has gone through an emotional or physical situation and would like to come, relax and enjoy each other's fellowship are welcome. All conversations are personal and confidential. What is spoken at the gathering, stays at the gathering.



RESERVE ACCOUNT DONATION

If you would like to donate to the Reserve Account Fundraiser, please complete the below information and return with your donation to the church office. If you prefer, you can make your donation on our website, and select the funds category to which you are supporting.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Select the project(s) you are supporting and the amount of the pledge.

General Operating Expenses

\$ _____

Exterior Projects (Parking Lot Preservation, Building Stain, New Church Sign)

\$ _____

Interior Projects (Lounge Updates, Office Technology, Boiler Maintenance)

\$ _____

Total Donation: \$ _____



FEBRUARY

2025

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|-----|------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| 2 Manna Due 10am Sunday Service | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10am Sunday Service | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentines Day | 15 |
| 16 10am Sunday Service | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 6:30pm Women's Wellness | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10am Sunday Service 11am Monthly Birthday Celebration | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 |



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