

# THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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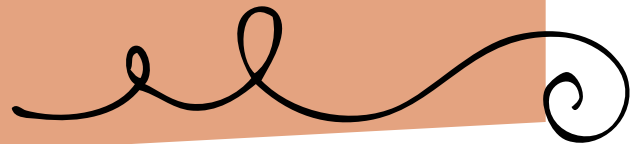
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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members and Friends of Burr Ridge Community Church,

March is a month of deep reflection and joyful anticipation at Burr Ridge Community Church. As we journey through Lent, we're blessed with opportunities to connect with God and each other in meaningful ways, culminating in the glorious celebration of Easter.

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This Lenten season, I've been particularly moved by the sense of community we're building together. Our Lenten Chosen Watch Party with Soup and Soul Care will be a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual nourishment. Sharing a simple meal and engaging with "The Chosen" will allow us to delve deeper into the Gospel story and support one another on our Lenten journey. I hope you are able to join us on Wednesday evenings for these moments of connection.

As we approach Holy Week, please join us for our poignant Good Friday Worship service on Friday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m., led by Rev. Michael Montgomery. This solemn service will provide space for reflection on Christ's sacrifice and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Before we reach Easter Sunday, we will celebrate Palm Sunday in a service led by Rev. Allen Mothershed. Join us as we commemorate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving our own palms and preparing our hearts for the week ahead.

Of course, Easter isn't just for adults! We are thrilled to host our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt for all the children in our community. Bring your little ones for a morning of fun on Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate the joy of the season.

Then, on Easter Sunday, we will gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our Easter Worship service, led by Rev. Allen Mothershed, will be a time of praise, thanksgiving, and renewed hope. Following the service, please stay and join us for our Easter Brunch, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together as a church family.

These upcoming events are a testament to the vibrant faith and strong community that defines Burr Ridge Community Church. I encourage you to participate in as many of these opportunities as possible, as we walk together through Lent and into the glorious light of Easter.

Let us continue to embrace the spirit of Lent, reflecting on God's love and preparing our hearts for the joy of the resurrection.

I look forward to celebrating with you all!

In Christ's service,

Hannah Sundwall

President, Burr Ridge Community Church

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# COUNCIL UPDATES

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## BOARD OF ELDERS

Welcome March! A mix of Winter and Spring. A time of Lent, What does Lent mean to you?

The Board of Elders assist members and pastors with spiritual health of the congregation as well as assisting with worship. Michelle Fore has volunteered to join the Board of Elders board. Michelle is available to members if you request prayers and will represent Burr Ridge Community Church in an Elders capacity along with Kathy Alvisu & Susann Pedersen.

If you request an emergency pastor for ANY reason, please contact the church office for the number of Pastor Joe Mills or Steve Wright, our BRCC member & pastor/counselor.

The following is a list of people requesting prayers for themselves and others:

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

MaryLou - Daughter Kim still fighting cancer with chemo treatments

Mark Suva - Prayers of love and caring- Bipolar disorder

Branden Suva - Caring & healing - Multiple Sclerosis

Frank & Family - Lung cancer

Andy & Jack

Michelle - Healing from knee surgery

Preston Suva

Mark Suva - Bipolar Disorder

Brandon, Heather, Mila, Saige, Bodhi, Ezra,

Michelle & Family - Protection, prosperity & good health

Tux & Rascal

Armando Caguio - Surgery for tumor - Healing

Liaqat Masih - Heart Surgery on March 8th

Foster Children everywhere we pray for you

Andrew, Valeri, Jack, Erik

Brandon Suva - Multiple Sclerosis

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# COUNCIL UPDATES CONT.

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Please pray our Settled Pastor comes to Burr Ridge Community Church in the next few months.

Burr Ridge Community Church website prayer requests:

Rob - prayers for Maria Sobel for compassion,  
Seth for focus and endurance as he takes challenging courses,  
Matt - Physical pain & tinnitus  
Prayers for everyone and everything on Earth

Thank you all for donating gift cards from our Manna Program or cash donations toward the Benevolence Fund. Grocery cards are flying off the shelf lately. The cost of groceries is over the top and many are supplementing their needs at the food pantries.

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for Lenten Simple Soup Supper beginning March 12th, We will eat and watch The Chosen, Lent Series. Come and bring a friend. All are welcome.

Blessings to all.

Kathy Alvisu  
Michelle Fore  
Susann K. Pedersen - Chair



# BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

## March Sunday Volunteers

Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Audio/Livestream	Coffee Minute
3/2	TBD	Michelle Fore	Susann Pedersen	TBD	Carrie Delzer
3/9	TBD	TBD	Carrie Delzer	TBD	Kathy Alvisu
3/16	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Ann & Tom Fong
3/23	TBD	Michelle Fore	Russ Smith	TBD	Deb Sanford
3/30	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	TBD

## COFFEE MINUTE SCHEDULE

This is the Coffee Minute Schedule for the foreseeable future.

*First Sunday of the Month: Carrie Delzer*

*Second Sunday of the Month: Kathy Alvisu*

*Third Sunday of the Month: Ann & Tom Fong*

*Fourth Sunday of the Month: Deb Sanford*

*Fifth Sunday (If Applicable): TBD*

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

### Month of February 2025

Income \$ 7,461.15

Expenses 7,631.29

Deficit (\$ 170.14)

### Year-to-Date as of 2/28/2025

Income \$ 12,778.94

Expenses 17,062.31

Deficit (\$ 4,227.68)

"While the month of February was breakeven, due to a drop off in attendance our in-Church giving on Sundays thus far this year is significantly below budget. Remember that if you cannot make it on a Sunday, please consider giving online. Better yet, why not sign up for Direct Deposit! Please see Bill Sanford if you need any help giving online or would like to sign up for Direct Deposit."

## RESERVE ACCOUNT FUNDING

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

Interior Reserve: \$786

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): \$95,823

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 April 6 Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, April 6
- 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: May 4

# UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

## JOURNEY THROUGH LENT WITH "THE CHOSEN"

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 12th - April 16th) at 6:00 p.m. for a special "The Chosen" Watch Party series, focusing on the poignant Lenten episodes. We'll gather to watch, discuss, and reflect on Jesus' journey towards the cross, deepening our understanding of this sacred season. A light dinner will be served each week.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual nourishment. If you'd like to contribute to our shared meals by bringing food for one of the evenings, please reach out to Hannah Sundwall and president@brucc.org. We look forward to sharing this meaningful Lenten experience with you!

## TRUSTEE UPDATES

The trustees will be having an interior and exterior spring cleanup in early April, and a minor roof repair done in a few weeks to prevent water entry to basement.

## BOARD OF STEWARDS

The February social event was the Big Chili Cook Off, Sunday, 2/9/25. Thank you for the delicious pots of chili and the fun social gathering. We had 8 contestants to compete for the 2025 title of Champion Chili Chef. The contestants brought their A-game and invited family and friends to determine the crown. The scores were tight, and the decisions were challenged by the many mouthwatering variations of chili. Congratulations to the powerhouse winners of this Tex-Mex cuisine; Ann Fong took 1st place, Kamal Puthumana took 2nd place, and Carri DeCamp took 3rd place. Compliments to the chefs!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

- Lydia Fong - Mar 3
- Steve Wright - Mar 7
- Paige Sanford - Mar 9
- Gunnar Murrin - Mar 10
- Ann Fong - Mar 18
- Don Rodriguez - Mar 18
- Mark Quintos - Mar 18
- Troy Puthumama - Mar 25
- Aiden Fong - Mar 30

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

## 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](#)

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women of the congregation are invited to attend Women's Wellness on **Thursday, March 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.





# UPCOMING EVENTS & COUNCIL UPDATES

## SPRING CLEANING: SPRUCE UP OUR CHURCH!

Let's prepare our church home for the busy Lenten and Easter season! Join us for a church-wide clean-up day on Saturday, April 5th, starting at 9:00 AM. We'll be tackling both indoor and outdoor projects, clearing clutter, tidying up, and beautifying the grounds for spring.

This is a fantastic opportunity to work together as a community and ensure our church is welcoming and ready for the many events ahead. All hands are welcome!

Come ready to lend a hand and enjoy fellowship as we make our church shine.



## A NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING: RECOVERY SERVICE

Our recovery groups are invited to a special Recovery Service on Friday, March 28th at 7:30 PM. Join us for an evening of reflection, support, and spiritual renewal, led by Rev. Steve Wright. This service will provide a space for connection and encouragement as we continue our journeys of healing and recovery. All are welcome to experience this time of hope and community.

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT: HOP ON OVER FOR FUN!

Join us for our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 AM! We're excited to welcome families from our community for a morning of springtime fun and egg-citing surprises. To make this event a success, we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to assist with filling eggs in the days leading up to the hunt, and to help with various tasks on the day of the event.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please stay tuned for more information on volunteer opportunities. In the meantime, please feel free to email Hannah Sundwall at [president@brucc.org](mailto:president@brucc.org) to express your interest. Let's make this Easter Egg Hunt a memorable one for our community!

## "CHANGE FOR CHANGE": SUPPORTING ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Lenten season, let's make a difference together! We're collecting "Change for Change" to support One Great Hour of Sharing, the United Church of Christ's special mission offering. Every coin counts towards providing disaster relief, aiding development, and supporting refugees around the world.

Bring your spare change to church on Sundays in March throughout Lent. Let's pool our resources and demonstrate God's love through practical action. Your small change can make a BIG change!

# 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





# MARCH

2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2 Manna Due 10am Sunday Service	3	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
9 10am Sunday Service	10	11	12	13	14	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	29



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