

THE BURR RIDGE MESSENGER

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



April is packed with events as we wrap up Lent and dive into Easter celebrations!

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First off, we're continuing our Lenten "Chosen" watch parties on Wednesdays, starting at 6:00 p.m. If you've been following along, keep it up! If you haven't, jump in! It's been a great opportunity for reflection during this Lenten season.

Then, mark your calendars for Saturday, April 19th! We're hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt! Bring the kids, bring your friends, and let's have some fun. It's a great way to connect with our neighbors and enjoy the spring weather.

Of course, we'll also be observing Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday with special worship services. Join us for powerful and moving experiences as we commemorate these important days in our faith. And, for Easter Sunday, stick around after the service for a delicious brunch! Let's celebrate together with good food and good company.

We're also excited to welcome Rev. Allen Mothershed for our Sunday services throughout April, including Easter, and Rev. Michael Montgomery for our Good Friday worship. Their presence will make these services even more meaningful.

We hope to see you at these events as we reflect, celebrate, and build community together.

Wishing you all a joyful and hopeful April!

Best,

Hannah Sundwall

President, Burr Ridge Community Church



COUNCIL UPDATES

BOARD OF ELDERS

Hello BRCC Church Family & Friends of the Congregation.

The Board of Elders assist members and pastors with spiritual health of the congregation as well as assisting with worship. Worship assistants are always appreciated.

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 those in need of prayer for themselves and others:

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

Bryan's recovery from medical issues

Kim - still fighting cancer with chemo treatments

Mark Suva - Prayers of love and caring - Bipolar disorder

Branden Suva - Caring & healing - Multiple Sclerosis

Preston Suva - Substance Abuse

Frank & Family - Lung cancer

Andy & Jack - Prayers for wars to stop

Michelle & Family - Protection, prosperity & good health

Armando Caguio - Surgery for tumor - Healing

Liaqat Masih - Heart Surgery on March 8th

Foster Children everywhere we pray for you

Brandon Suva - Multiple Sclerosis

Michelle Fore - Back pain

Jim & Byrna DeCamp - Prayers for Family

Greco Family

Parents that lost their daughter recently

Liana & Collin McMahon - Strength and Courage and hopes for fertility

Barb Hanson's mother

Donald Arthur Sandstedt

Brenda - Back surgery in April

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COUNCIL UPDATES CONT.

Here are the prayer requests from our website:

Mother asking for prayers for her daughter's fertility

Sally needs prayer

Bruno Meguil DeLeon Family - JoJo passed away

John - God give him wisdom in his work

There will be a memorial service for Janet Fleming on Saturday, April 26th. All are welcome to the service.

Please pray for Mike Fleming and his family and friends as this is a difficult time. We remember Janet in our hearts. She was a dedicated member of our church, spouse to Mike Fleming and former President of the Church Council. Blessed be her name and memory.

Janet Petsche, spouse of Bruce Petsche, sister in law of Sandy and Lee Petsche passed away in Geneva Illinois on April 1.

A card from the congregation will be mailed to Bruce. More information will be shared with the congregation about her memorial as we receive it. Janet served on many church boards including President of the Council. If you want to send your own card, please contact the church office for the address.

Thank you for the canned goods. Donations are taken to the Woodridge Food Bank and the Lemont Food Exchange. The cost of groceries is over the top and many are supplementing their needs at the food pantries.

Blessings to all and Happy April!

Kathy Alvisu

Michelle Fore

Susann K. Pedersen - Chair

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BRCC UPDATES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

April Sunday Volunteers

Week	Greeter/Opener	Usher	Worship Assistant	Audio/Livestream	Coffee Minute
4/6	TBD	Michelle Fore	Susann Pedersen	TBD	Carrie Delzer
4/13	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Kathy Alvisu
4/20	TBD	Michelle Fore	Tom Fong	TBD	Ann & Tom Fong
4/27	TBD	TBD	Michelle Fore	TBD	Deb Sanford

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Month of March 2025

Income \$ 8,686.39

Expenses 10,815.51

Deficit (\$ 2,129.12).

Year-to-Date as of 3/31/2025

Income \$ 21,551.21

Expenses 27,887.59

Deficit (\$ 6,336.38).

"The March deficit results from much lower than planned Sunday giving, and a necessary expenditure of \$900 for roof repairs. We continue to be well below budget in weekly envelope giving for the year.

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: \$791

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): \$93,612

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 May 4 Manna Gift Card order any of the following ways:

- Submit completed order form and payment at worship, Sunday, May 4
- 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: June 1

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](#)

TRUSTEE UPDATES

Trustees had a clean up day on April 5. Thank you for everyone who participated

AC unit will be serviced for this upcoming season

First grass cut will be week of april 14

Trustees sponsored Lent Soup Series on April 2

Successfully assisted with preparing the building and individuals for voting on April 1

Roof repairs were completed on West and south side of building



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!

WOMEN'S WELLNESS

Women of the congregation are invited to attend Women's Wellness on **Thursday, April 17th 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.



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Chris McNally - April 7

Vera Hill - April 13

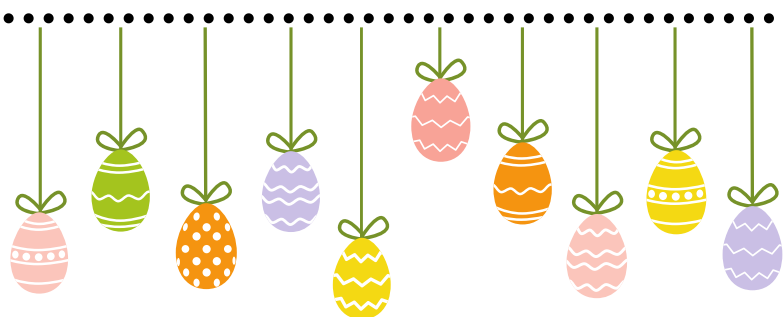
Benny Santino Siguenza-Schei - April 13

Richard Suva - April 24

Carrie L Delzer - April 24

Randy Sasso - April 29

Please join us after service on April 27 for cake as we celebrate all our birthdays this month!



EXCITING NEWS FOR APRIL SERVICES!

We are thrilled to announce that Rev. Allen Mothershed will be our guest pastor for all Sunday services in April, including our Easter Sunday celebration! We eagerly anticipate his inspiring messages and leadership during this special time.

Additionally, we are honored to have Rev. Michael Montgomery lead our Good Friday worship service. Please join us as we reflect and commemorate this solemn and significant day.

We are truly blessed to have both Rev. Mothershed and Rev. Montgomery share their gifts with us this April. We look forward to welcoming them and sharing in these meaningful services.



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 to express your interest. Let's make this Easter Egg Hunt a memorable one for our community!



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: \$ _____



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APRIL

2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Manna Due 10am Sunday Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10am Sunday Service	14	15	16	17 6:30pm Women's Wellness	18	19
20 Easter Sunday 10am Sunday Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10am Sunday Service 11am Monthly Birthday Celebration	28	29	30	1	2	3



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