

A newsletter from your friends at...



Have you ever pictured in your mind, the image of a person who is being a cheerful giver? The context is, of course, II Corinthians 7:7, and the NLT version actually says, "God loves the person who gives cheerfully!" There has apparently been some confusion about the concept of giving. We pay bills from a sense of duty and responsibility. We owe a certain amount, and pay accordingly. We are compelled to pay or have services cut off. We don't expect a thanks or any special recognition. When we look at our overall budget for any given month, we make allowances for any changes (increases or decreases) and figure out how much we have left for extras. Like dinner and a movie, or a ball game. Or we put it in savings for a special trip next summer! Maybe we'll put some in the offering box at church. See any problems with that scenario?

Let me quote II Corinthians 9:6-7. "Remember this--the farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully." Let me invite you to read those next few verses when you get a minute. The 'cheerful giver' means someone who gives with a willing, joyful, and generous heart. Everything we own and possess ultimately belongs to God. We participate in God's mission when we give to the church. No one is looking over your shoulder when you give. But God knows your heart. A cheerful giver is worshipping God.

We don't give expecting anything in return, but He always finds a way to bless our lives. We don't receive a thank-you, but what we do get is an acknowledgment that we have made an eternal investment in the kingdom of God. I honestly think we look at the world expecting a God-sighting! So that mental image of a 'cheerful giver' might take on a whole new meaning!

Pastor Barry Durkee



TEENS: FUSION FALL KICKOFF PARTY at John & Josie's Place!!!

Meet at church on Wed., Sept. 10 at
6:30 pm for a ride to Rasmussen's.
INVITE FRIENDS - it'll be fun!!!

CEDAR CREEK FALL KICKOFF & POTLUCK DINNER!



Join us September 14: At 8:30 am bible studies meet at church.

Then at 10:00 am we'll kickoff with a great worship service and Jubilee classes.

After church, we'll enjoy a potluck dinner—please bring a hot dish and a cold dish to share. INVITE FRIENDS to worship and fellowship with us!

Kid's KAMP: Fall Session Starts September 17



KIDS: Grab a small poster at church and give it to a friend to invite them to attend KAMP each Wednesday!

KAMP Schedule: Sept. 17, 24. Oct. 1, 8, 22, 29 (We do NOT meet on Oct. 15 due to MEA school break).

ADULTS: We will need teachers, helpers, meal preppers, and servers—please prayerfully consider how you could help with KAMP and inform Pastor Barry or a member of the Christian Education committee listed below.
(Jenn Durkee, Josie Rasmussen, Pixie Clement or Stephanie Peterson).

Fellowship Potluck Picnic & Hay Ride Saturday, September 20



at Bill & Susie Grupp's home 24483 740th Street Hayfield

Come enjoy fun, fellowship and a good meal together!

5:00 pm start arriving.... 6:00 pm supper served

>>> Signup sheet at church: Bring a side dish... and bring friends!!

(Bill & Susie are providing pulled pork on a bun. John Rasmussen providing hayrides.)



TEENS: BREAKFAST & SYATP: SEE YOU AT THE POLE!

Wed., Sept. 24: 7:00 am Teens meet for breakfast at Michele & Chris Nelson's home (east end of main street)... after breakfast, all will go to the flagpole of HHS, to pray before the start of the new school year.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

NEW DATE: Friday, September 19 at church:



Ladies, Friday, September 19, come enjoy a dinner of pizza, salad, and dessert at the church with a BUNCO game following. Invite friends too! It's sure to be a great meal and a fun time!

5:00 pm—6:00 pm We'll enjoy a social hour, allowing time arrive and visit

6:00 pm—7:00 pm Our meal will be served. We will be serving pizza (including a gluten free pizza), along with salad and dessert. *And we'd like for whomever would like to, to help provide a salad or a dessert—the signup sheet will be on the hall table (on signup sheet, circle if you can provide a salad or a dessert).* [If questions—talk to Susie Grupp.]

7:00 pm BUNCO game begins. *There will be a \$5 donation to play.*

Friday & Saturday, October 10 & 11: Thrive Conference



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AT ROCHESTER: MAYO CIVIC CENTER: ONLY \$20 for first time attendees. FREE for 2025 high school graduates!

Please register yourself soon, to attend this conference at <https://brushfire.com/mnaog/thrive2025/585273/?promo=mccslide> (then click “Get Tickets”, then click on “Individual”)

Ladies, we're going to attend the Thrive Women's Conference “Bridging the Gap” at Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN on Friday and Saturday October 10-11.

- > **Friday:** Talk to Susie Grupp or Jenn Durkee if interested in carpooling – note that they both go to the afternoon session on Friday, so they leave early.
- > **Friday 5:00 pm:** Women who'd like to, will meet for dinner at OLIVE GARDEN, so we can eat together and then head on over to the conference.
- > **Saturday morning:** Talk to Susie Grupp or Jenn Durkee if interested in carpooling

THRIVE: You were made for more... and Thrive 2025 is an invitation to discover it! Join with **women from across the country** for a weekend of powerful sessions, shopping, giveaways, and more. With speakers like **Jennie Allen, Lisa Whittle, Susie Larson** (emcee), and others, come ready to be inspired to grow in your faith and live out your purpose!

Saturday, December 6: LADIES, SAVE THIS DATE for the Women's Christmas Dinner & Ugly Sweater Contest!



Save the date, ladies... and dig out your ugly sweaters! Invite some friends for a great meal and a fun time! Dinner will likely be around 5 or 5:30pm, but exact time is still to be determined.

If you are willing to provide a dessert for this meal, talk to Susie Grupp or Jenn Durkee (these two are covering the rest of the meal).

SEPTEMBER 2025 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> Happy Labor Day!	2 <u>Gina vacation</u>	3 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> <u>Gina vacation</u>	4	5	6
7 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship <u>Communion</u> Wee Jubilee <u>Board meeting after service</u>	8	9 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom	10 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u>  <u>FUSION KICKOFF PARTY at John & Josie's place!</u> >> Meet at church at 6:30 pm for a ride there... INVITE FRIENDS!!!	11	12	13
14 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's <u>FALL KICKOFF DAY</u> 10:00 am Worship Jubilee <u>POTLUCK dinner after church—bring a hot & a cold dish to share.</u>	15	16	17 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper All KAMP (1 st night) FUSION for teens	18	19  <u>Women's Pizza Supper & BUNCO GAME at Cedar Creek</u> 5-6pm: Social Hr. 6-7pm: Supper 7 pm: BUNCO begins-\$5 donation to play	20  <u>Fellowship Churchwide POTLUCK PICNIC & HAYRIDE at Bill & Susie Grupp's</u> Bring a side dish to share 5:00 pm—begin arriving 6:00 pm—eat
21 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee	22	23 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom	24 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 7:00 am Teens meet at Nelson's home for breakfast-Then all go SYATP to pray at HHS. 6:30 pm Supper All KAMP FUSION for teens	25	26	27
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OCTOBER 2025 at CEDAR CREEK

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5 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am  Worship <i>With some special music by Amanda Ellison</i> <u>Communion</u> Wee Jubilee  6:00 pm Amanda Ellison CONCERT at Cedar Creek	6	7	8 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper All KAMP FUSION for teens	9	10	11 <div data-bbox="1144 661 1526 1092">  THRIVE  Women's Conference (at Mayo Civic Center) Friday daytime: Talk to Susie or Jenn if wanting to carpool. Fri. 5:00 pm: Women meet for supper at OLIVE GARDEN Saturday morning: Talk to Susie or Jenn if wanting to carpool. </div>
12 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am  Jubilee Worship led by MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir AND POTLUCK dinner after church.	13	14 7:00 pm  PUSH Prayer <u>via Zoom</u>	15 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> NO meal NO KAMP NO FUSION (MEA break)	16	17	18
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Mn Adult & Teen Challenge
— CHOIR —

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir & Potluck Dinner: Coming on Sunday, October 12

Join us to hear the uplifting songs and testimonies shared by the choir members.
For the potluck, bring a hot and a cold dish to share with the choir—they enjoy it!



Jesus Film Project: Free Streaming

The Jeus Film Project is a Christian ministry, part of Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ), that uses films and other media to share the story of Jesus with people worldwide. They offer a large library of free online films and resources, translated into over 2,000 languages, with the goal of helping people in all cultures understand and respond to the Christian message. *The project was founded in 1981 to distribute the popular JESUS film, and has since expanded its offerings to include short films, digital tools, apps, and even ministry strategies to reach new audiences, especially in areas with limited access to the gospel.*

To access the FREE video streaming library (that John Rasmussen spoke of recently during worship), go to <https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch>



Bible Studies at Cedar Creek:

Sunday studies 8:30 am at church: Teens, Men's, and Women's groups

NOTE: Women will begin a NEW study on September 14—all women welcome!

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