

A newsletter from your friends at...



CedarCreekChurch.org

MARCH 2026

*Making disciples...
who make disciples*

Someone in our family did an ancestry search several years ago, and discovered that among other things, we are part Irish. It didn't do much to change how I lived my life. I seem to remember there were also indicators of German and Dutch connections as well. Again, no immediate changes to my behavior or worldview. I knew I was born in Kansas which made me a Jayhawk. That fact alone has had a great impact on my life. At least more than over where my Great, great, great, great Grandfather was from. But knowing my connection to Ireland would have come in handy say back in grade school. You see, I didn't own very much in the way of clothing that was green. So every March 17th, I would get pinched. Often. To the point that my teacher would safety-pin a green paper shamrock to my shirt! But on the other hand, had I known and always mindful of being a proud Irishman, I would have owned lots of green and been boastful of my heritage! I wouldn't have hidden such a remarkable trait!

I mentioned earlier that I was born in Kansas. Raised on the Great Plains. Still wear Crimson and Blue quite often. (Only own one green hoodie!) I've only lived in three states all together. I enjoy the freedoms that living in America provides. But I can honestly say its not really my home, at least not the one I most look forward to. My citizenship is somewhere else. But do I live in such a way to reveal my true heritage? My identity comes from the one who died on a cross for my sin. Its not an article of clothing that identifies me. A cross on a chain doesn't always provide a true link to where my loyalties are. But my lifestyle should convey who I belong to. My heavenly Father calls me His child. Peter says to, "Always be ready to give an account for the hope that lives in me."

(I Peter 3:15) The Bible warns of a time when those who follow Christ will face persecution. That may involve suffering some pain. Am I ready for that? Do I possess the traits that identify me as a follower of Jesus Christ? We are weeks away from celebrating the Resurrection. I pray that we would be reminded where our hearts truly belong.

Pastor Barry Durkee



Mmmmm—it's going to be delicious!



Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Sun., March 8 at Cedar Creek: Begins 9:15am

> FUNDRAISER: Cost is free-will offering <

Note: No bible studies on this morning.



WOMEN'S DINNER & BUNCO

Meal: Baked Potato Bar Dessert: Ice Cream Bar

Saturday, March 14 at Cedar Creek Church

Ladies, you may come just to eat, if you don't wish to play BUNCO – please still sign-up at church either way, for planning purposes (signup sheets are on the hallway table at church).

5:00 pm: Begin arriving for social time

5:30-6:00pm: We begin eating (you may dine only... and not play BUNCO)

7:00 pm: Bunco playing begins (the cost is \$10 to play BUNCO)

>>> We'll enjoy a baked potato bar and an ice cream bar (*baked potatoes & ice cream are provided*).

>>> However, we are looking for women to sign up to provide the various toppings needed. The signup sheets will list the toppings needed for each; and you choose the topping(s) that you will bring.

SUPPORT

FOUCA

FOOD SHELVES



March 1 – April 6, 2026

Stretch your donation: Financial donations go further due to access to food banks and discount purchasing programs, allowing food shelves to purchase items most needed in Hayfield.

Currently feeding 400-500 families per month!

MAIL CHECKS TO:

Cedar Creek Church

(Food Pantry in memo)

PO Box 224 - Hayfield, MN 55940





"PROGRESSIVE DINNER"

Adults-Only: Coming Sat., April 18

You MUST sign up by April 11 to attend this adults-only event

PROGRESSIVE DINNER: *We have three host families, so everyone will go to different the homes for salad, main course, then dessert.*

5:00-5:45 pm: "Salad Symphony" at Genelle & Bill Emerick's home.

6:00-7:30 pm: "Pasta Perfection" at Jenn & Barry Durkee's home.

7:45pm - 'til __?: "Decadent Desserts" at Sheri and Scott Crowley's home.



BE STILL
AND KNOW

APR 24-25
2026

DEVOTED HEARTS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

In Rochester, MN: Friday & Saturday, April 24-25 (2026)

FRIDAY: Women will likely meet for dinner Friday before the Conference / Conference doors open at 5:45pm.

SATURDAY: Conference doors open at 7:30am (*with closing comments about 2:45pm*)

COST is \$69 (*plus another \$12 if you sign up for box lunch Sat.—deadline to sign up for box lunch is Apr.10*).

REGISTER YOURSELF & GET MORE DETAILS AT:

<https://www.devotedheartsrochester.com/faqs> (*facts page has a link to the registration page too*).

MARCH 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 am Studies Teens / Men / Women</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Communion  Wee Jubilee</p> <p>Board meeting after service </p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>4-6pm Pantry</u></p> <p>6:30 pm Supper All FUSION for teens</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <u>Daylight Saving Time Begins</u></p> <p>8:30 am Studies Teens / Men / Women</p>  <p>9:15 am—PANCAKE BREAKFAST with SAUSAGE at church <i>(for free-will offering)</i></p> <p>10:00 am Worship Jubilee </p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom </p>	<p>11 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u></p> <p>6:30 pm Supper All FUSION for teens</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 <u>Church Reserved for:</u></p>  <p>WOMEN'S DINNER & BUNCO Baked Potato Bar with an Ice Cream Bar 5:00p- Arrive 5:30-6p: Eat 7pm: BUNCO</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am Studies Teens / Men / Women</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Jubilee </p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>4-6pm Pantry</u></p> <p>6:30 pm Supper All FUSION for teens</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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APRIL 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

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			1 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper All FUSION for teens	2	3  7:00 pm Good Friday Worship with Communion	4
5 EASTER DAY <i>NO Women's Study</i>  10:00 am EASTER Worship with Communion <i>(NO Jubilee classes)</i>	6	7	8 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper All FUSION for teens	9	10	11
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TEENS: Supper & FUSION at 6:30pm on Wednesdays!
[Invite friends to attend](#)



Bible Studies at Cedar Creek:

Study groups meet Sundays at church at 8:30 am.

Everyone is welcome! We have groups for teens, men, and women.

MEETING AREAS: *Teens in basement, Men in classroom 2, Women in the office lobby*

Women’s Study Continues:

Steadfast: *A Devotional Bible Study on the Book of James* by Courtney Doctor

Faithfulness regardless of our circumstances. That's what it means to be steadfast. But in a world where so much can undermine our faith or pull us off track, steadfastness is often a rare and elusive trait. James longs for his readers to be steadfast. His letter meets us in our suffering and sickness, our trials and temptations, our wealth and poverty, our ups and downs. He confronts our sin, our speech, and our pride. He encourages believers to have more resilient and concrete faith: not just to hear the word, but to do it. He calls us to persevere in truth in a world of lies, to see that God's steadfast love is ultimately the source of our steadfast faith.

This 8-week study of James provides: 5 days of study each week-observing, interpreting, and applying the text Devotional commentary with space to journal your thoughts, Memory verse each week, Small group discussion questions, Keynote Teaching Videos from the TGC's 2020 Women's Conference. ***In a fickle and wayward age, we need biblical wisdom if we are to stay the course and be steadfast saints. The book of James provides this wisdom, and Steadfast will help you apply it.***

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