

A newsletter from your friends at...



CedarCreekChurch.org

JULY 2026

*Making disciples...
who make disciples*

As we recognize the celebration of our nation's 250th birthday, I think we should look at just two of the freedoms that were won on the backs of countless men and women who have served in our nation's military.

The first would be the freedom of religion. Colonists sought to escape laws that forced citizens to attend, financially support, and adhere to the doctrines of a single official state church. They sought the freedom to worship in any form they choose without government control. Revivals have come and gone on many occasions throughout the last 250 years. But it seems now the phrase that most describes the current state of church attendance is freedom *from* religion. Recent data shows that more people neglect church attendance than at any other time in our nation's history, which warranted the statement that we are no longer a Christian nation.

The second would be freedom of speech. The right to dissent, or to disagree with the governing authorities also carried over from England for the early colonists. The ability to verbalize a contrary opinion without the fear of retribution, arrest, or seizure of property was an important freedom. This led to multi-party political elections and freedom of the press, which allowed for newspaper articles and pamphlets to be distributed openly. Restraint was exercised for the most part and people found civil ways to disagree. But the founding fathers could hardly have guessed how that freedom has become abused on a level to where it has today. Open displays of hatred and disrespect have become the norm today with civil unrest, violence and property destruction on a regular basis. No political party has a corner on the telling of truth. And the concept of truth is even regarded as subjective in most discussions.

Is the intersection of these two freedoms somehow indicative of the state of our country? When faith was deemed important, civility followed. The Bible is where the foundation of respect and honor come from. Loving your neighbor as yourself should be what governs our relationships. But with the demise of church attendance comes an absence of Biblical application. Evil is rampant and even Christians can't get along anymore. The popular worldviews of our times, hedonism and materialism, should never overshadow our personal convictions of Biblical truth. We no longer have a place at the table of public opinion, but we should never neglect our call to be Christ honoring in daily conversations and relationships. I honestly don't believe most people are evil. Civility and respect lead to open and honest discourse. The Gospel of Jesus will soon follow.

Pastor Barry Durkee

HELPERS NEEDED: BERNE WOOD-FIRED PIZZA NIGHTS



Inform Pastor Barry, if you are available and willing to help at any of three Wednesday Berne Wood Fired Pizza/Concert nights our church is covering. The dates of Pizza Nights would be on **July 1**, **July 15**, and **August 12** (I think we especially need helpers on Aug. 12). There are two shifts on each date. *Our church earns funds through volunteering.*

JULY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT



All women are invited to a potluck dinner at Garten Market Platz after church on July 19. *Invite women you know to attend. More details to come.*



Summer Jam VBS

August 3-6

2026 (Monday-Thursday)

Kids, invite your friends!

Cedar Creek Church

30 East Main Street in Hayfield, MN

Supper: 5:30-5:50 pm

Bible school fun: 5:50-8:15 pm



NOTE: *We will need teachers, helpers, and cooks for VBS meals.*

If you're willing or you have questions talk to: Kerry Fjerstad, Liz Fjerstad, or Jenn Durkee.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

ONLINE (preferred) - Open until Aug. 2 at CedarCreekChurch.org

IN-PERSON (with adult contact info) Questions? (507) 477-2255



JULY 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 <u>Gina VAC</u> <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> <u>>>Cedar Creek is Working at the Berne Pizza Night</u>	2 <u>Gina VAC</u>	3 <u>Gina VAC</u> OFFICE CLOSED in Observance of Independence Day	4 <u>Gina VAC</u> Happy Independence Day!!
5 <u>Gina VAC</u> 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship <u>Communion</u> Wee Jubilee	6 <u>Gina VAC</u>	7	8 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> <u>Gina back at office</u>	9	10	11
12 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee	13	14	15 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> <u>>>Cedar Creek is Working at the Berne Pizza Night</u>	16	17	18 <u>Pastor VAC</u>
19 <u>Pastor VAC</u> 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship with a Guest speaker Jubilee <u>After church:</u> Women's Potluck dinner out at Garten Market Platz (invite someone)	20 <u>Pastor VAC</u>	21 <u>Pastor VAC</u>	22 <u>Pastor VAC</u> <u>4-6pm Pantry</u>	23 <u>Pastor VAC</u>	24 <u>Pastor VAC</u>	25 <u>Pastor VAC</u>
26 <u>Pastor VAC</u> 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship with a Guest speaker Jubilee	27	28	29 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u>	30		

AUGUST 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

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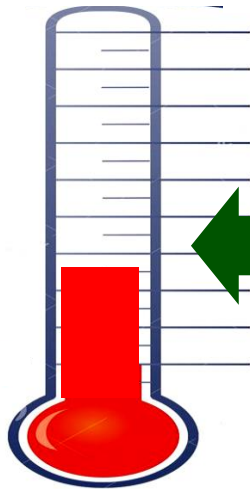
Barb Thompson

Bill Emerick

Rich Fjerstad

Contributions & Finances Contact John Rasmussen, Treasurer

GOAL: \$20,000



37%

**We have church building projects
needing to be done.**

***Donations to our Building Fund
need to be over and above our
weekly offerings.***

