

A newsletter from your friends at...



I was driving down the highway the other day. Sun was shining. Weather was pleasant. And as I followed a curve in the road, my eyes caught a field of corn. Mind you, I am not agricultural. Never lived on a farm. Unless you count a farm house we rented for a time once; until a house in town became available. But my observation about this particular field was that the corn was starting to turn colors. The corn was turning. I reminded myself we still had a week and a half of August. Fall is still a long way off. I convinced myself it's too early for harvest. But for that farmer, it may come early this year.

Jesus had a unique perspective on harvest. He insisted that we need to be ready for a harvest that could come at any time. When spiritual seeds are sown, the expectation should be that the crop is ready now!

The setting is a well in Samaria. (John 4) Jesus had divine appointments all the time, but this one brought a perspective of anticipation that directly applies to us. A Samaritan woman, an outsider, was caught off guard by the frankness and insightfulness of Jesus' questions. Jesus found her heart beneath layers of pain and disappointment. Years of broken promises had left her discouraged and doubtful. Jesus offered hope, and an escape from bitterness. She knew that, "When the Messiah comes, He will explain everything to us." When He revealed his identity to her, a chain reaction was set in place that not only changed her life, but the lives of an entire village. The planting of one seed brought about a harvest of many.

The perspective I mentioned is a reminder that we live in a broken world. People are finding new ways to push Jesus away, and are coming to the conclusion that the 'new way of doing things' is only leading back to the same "lostness" and pain that weighed them down before. One conversation of hope and healing has the potential to not just change one life, but many. Do we approach relationships with that perspective? Is a spiritual harvest really that close? Jesus said, "**Listen to what I am telling you. Open your eyes and look at the fields, they are ready for harvest.**"

Pastor Barry Durkee



FALL KICKOFF & POTLUCK DINNER AT CEDAR CREEK

Join us for fall kickoff on **September 13 at Cedar Creek**. Worship is at 10:00 am as usual; then we'll enjoy a potluck dinner after the service. Please bring a hot dish and a cold dish to share.



TEEN FUSION KICKOFF NIGHT

FUSION Fall Kickoff Night is **Wed., September 16** at **John & Josie's home**. Leaving church at 6:15 pm.

TEENS: *Invite friends to come for supper and attend FUSION on kickoff night and every Wednesday!*



KID'S KAMP KICKOFF: Starts Sept. 16

>> **KIDS:** Invite your friends to supper & KAMP!

>> **KAMP dates:** Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, then 21, & 28
(NOTE: NO meal, NO KAMP, NO FUSION Oct. 14 - MEA break)

>> **Cooks needed for Wed. night suppers—signup sheet on hall table**
Talk to Rachel Millner if you have any questions about meals.



WOMEN'S CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES SWAP

WOMEN'S CLOTHING & ACCESSORY SWAP: Ladies, join us **Sat., September 26 at Cedar Creek:** Stop-in, starting at 9am (*and bring a breakfast item to share if you want*). We'll have swapping & fellowship till 11am or so - **you don't need to stay the whole time unless you want to**. Bring some women's clothes and accessories to swap with other women (everything will be FREE). It'll be fun! **Call Stephanie 507-250-5272 if you can't make it but would like to donate items.** It is clothing & accessories - bring as many items as you like! Anything you can wear on your body: Clothing, jewelry, shoes, accessories that are clean and in good condition, but you just don't use /wear anymore! If you have kids, that's fine too! **NOTE: No household items at this swap.** *You will not need to take anything back home - if it isn't swapped, it will be donated or used again at another swap!*



WOMEN'S THRIVE CONFERENCE AT ROCHESTER (IN OCTOBER)

We hope to have a group of women attend **Thrive Conference on Oct. 9-10 (Fri./Sat.)** at the Mayo Civic Center Rochester. If this is your first time attending, you can go for just \$20. Tickets for repeat attenders are \$130.58 until August 31, then they go up to \$139 (all will register yourselves online). *We are excited that Susie Larson is one of the speakers this year! It's a wonderful time of spiritual reenergizing and relationship building.* **NOTE:** Women will meet at Rochester Olive Garden for dinner Friday evening, before the conference - the time will likely be at 5:00 pm.



MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR & POTLUCK DINNER (IN OCTOBER)

Join us **Sun., October 11: Our worship will be led by MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir** – they will share music and testimonies. We'll provide a potluck dinner after the service – the members of the choir really enjoy the meal.



LADIES: SAVE THE DATE! (IN NOVEMBER)

Ladies, save the date... and plan to join us at church on **Saturday, November 14** for a dinner of "baked potato bar" with an "ice cream sundae bar" for our dessert (*no cost for the meal*). Watch for signup sheets at church, as we ask you women to bring the toppings for our "taters" and the sundaes. After our meal all women are invited to play BUNCO for only \$5.

Ladies, there will also be a women's Christmas dinner - so watch for details this fall, regarding that meal.

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SEPTEMBER 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u>	3	4	5
6 NO study groups today 10:00 am Worship <u>Communion</u> Wee Jubilee	7 OFFICE CLOSED in Observance of Labor Day!	8 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer <u>via Zoom</u>	9 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u>	10	11	12
13 8:30 am Men's Study 9:30 am Women's Share And Prayer FALL KICKOFF!!! 10:00 am Worship: Fall Kickoff & Potluck Dinner – bring a hot & a cold dish to share. Jubilee	14	15	16 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> FUSION & KAMP KICKOFF NIGHT 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP >>Teen FUSION at John & Josie's <u>Leaving CCC at 6:15 pm</u>	17	18	19
20 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee >> <u>Board meeting after church</u>	21	22 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer <u>via Zoom</u>	23 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP Teen FUSION.	24	25	26 <u>9am thru 11am (stop in at anytime)</u> Women's Clothing and Accessory Swap at Cedar Creek!! <i>Trade items for FREE!</i>
27 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee	28	29	30 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP Teen FUSION.			

OCTOBER 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Communion Wee Jubilee	5	6	7 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP Teen FUSION.	8	9	10
11 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship led by the MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir... with Potluck Dinner after the service!	12	13 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom	14 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> No supper No KAMP No FUSION >> Due to MEA	15 MEA weekend	16 MEA weekend	17 MEA weekend
18 8:30 am Studies Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship with Guest Speaker Jubilee	19	20	21 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP Teen FUSION.	22	23	24
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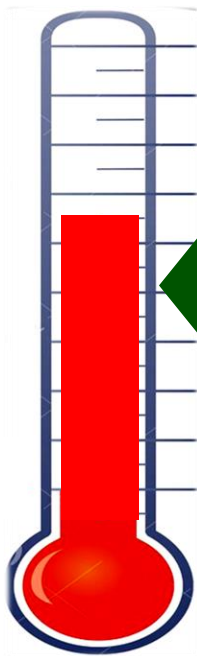
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GOAL: \$20,000



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We have numerous church building projects needing to be done.

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