

A newsletter from your friends at...



CedarCreekChurch.org

OCTOBER 2026

*Making disciples...
who make disciples*

I'm a season connoisseur. An expert on the seasons, and the changes that take place. I've had years of first-hand experience at observing them from a range of different locations. And I can clearly state that Autumn is the most beautiful of the four. The colors of Fall are spectacular, as we in the northern US have come to enjoy. But the beauty hides a not-so-pleasant dark side. The naked trees of November leave a barrenness and stark contrast to the array of colors. The reminder of impending winter, with snow and freezing temperatures, is not very far away. It feels like God is angry; or abandoning His creation.

The Bible tells us that God designed the earth to naturally progress through the year with cycles of growth and decay. The changing seasons are a reliable part of His creation and a reflection of His orderly, sovereign control over time. A time to plant and a time to harvest. That has been the cycle that each person has come to accept as a part of living on this earth. He has not turned His back on us in winter. There is a consistent rhythm in nature. Daniel 2 states that God changes times and seasons, as well as removing kings and setting up kings. His sovereignty is over all things, both in nature and the affairs of men. Ecclesiastes 3 explains there is a specific time and season for every matter under heaven. Acts 1:7 adds that the Father fixes the dates and times by His own authority.

John Piper has written, "What is God saying in the snow? Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God!! You didn't make it snow. I made it snow! And you can't make it stop!" I AM the God of nature, and My beauty is on full display in every season!

There is a beauty to the blanket of snow that falls in the winter, and the grandeur of mountains capped in white leaves a person with a sense of awe. A cold winter makes you appreciate warm gloves and coats. A late April storm makes you appreciate spring. God is present in every season of life, and when we acquire eyes and a heart to seek Him, He will reveal His will. When we look for Him in every circumstance, we will see His hand is leading us.

Pastor Barry Durkee



WOMEN'S THRIVE CONFERENCE AT ROCHESTER (Oct. 9 & 10)

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 attendees are \$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 at 5:00 pm for dinner Friday evening, before the conference begins.**



MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR & POTLUCK DINNER (October 11)

Join us **Sun., October 11: Our worship will be led by MN Adult & Teen Challenge Men's Choir** – they will share music and testimonies. We'll provide a potluck dinner after the service (there will be approx. 30 men's choir members). The choir really enjoys the meal.



WOMEN'S NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Ladies, save the date... and plan to join us at church for food & fun on **Saturday, November 14 for DINNER & BUNCO!** We'll enjoy 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, because we ask you women to bring the toppings for our "taters" and our sundaes. **After our meal all women are invited to play BUNCO for only \$5. It's fun!!!**

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



TEEN FUSION WEDNESDAYS

TEENS: Invite friends to come for supper and attend FUSION on Wednesday nights!

Supper at 6:30pm

FUSION finishes by 8:15pm



KID'S KAMP WEDNESDAYS

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

>> **Remaining KAMP dates in October: Oct. 7, then 21, & 28**
(NOTE: NO meal, NO KAMP, NO FUSION Oct. 14 - MEA break)

prairie river camp

FALL FESTIVAL

• Prairie River Camp • Community Celebration •

Sunday, October 25th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

52792 80th Street, Brice Lynn, MN 56014

Contact: 507-481-6076

• pumpkin carving	• wagon rides
• pumpkin painting	• campfire with s'mores
• cookie decoration	• hot apple cider
• beanbag toss	• lemonade

All Free Will Donation

[Next pages contain Cedar Creek church calendars...](#)

OCTOBER 2026 at CEDAR CREEK

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2 Teen Fall Retreat!!!	3 Teen Fall Retreat!!!
4 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Communion Wee Jubilee >> Teens return from Fall Retreat today	5	6	7 4-6pm Pantry 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP Teen FUSION.	8	9 Women: Thrive Conference Meet 5pm at Olive Garden for Friday supper.	10 Women: Thrive Conference
11 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship led by the MN Adult & Teen Challenge Men's Choir... with a POTLUCK Dinner after service (30 in the choir)	12	13 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom	14 4-6pm Pantry No supper No KAMP No FUSION >> Due to MEA	15 MEA weekend	16 MEA weekend	17 MEA weekend
18 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship with Guests: Cory & Brooke Jackson Jubilee	19	20	21 4-6pm Pantry 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP Teen FUSION.	22	23	24
25 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee >> Board meeting after Church 1-4pm	26	27 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom	28 4-6pm Pantry 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Kid's KAMP(last) Teen FUSION.	29	30	31

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1 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Communion Wee Jubilee	2	3	4 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Teen FUSION	5 <i>Reminder: This Sun., Nov. 8 is DEADLINE to donate items for Shoebox Gifts</i>	6	7
8 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee After church: <u>HELPERS NEEDED to pack the Shoeboxes</u>; Operation Christmas Child	9	10 7:00 pm PUSH Prayer via Zoom	11 <u>4-6pm Pantry</u> 6:30 pm Supper – All ages Teen FUSION	12	13	14 Women's Dinner & BUNCO games (time to be determined) Dinner is a Baked Potato Bar with dessert being an Ice Cream Sundae bar.
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29 8:30 am Studies: Teens Men's / Women's 10:00 am Worship Jubilee	30					

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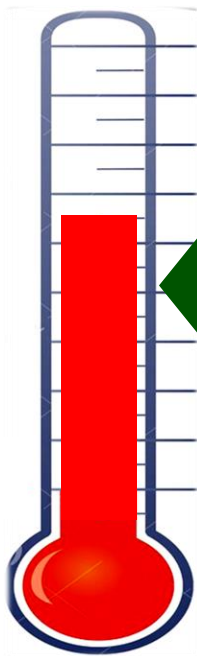
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Contributions & Finances Contact John Rasmussen, Treasurer

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.