

# WELCOME TO CEDAR CHURCH

**W**e are glad you're here. As a church family, we're delighted you have joined us for worship today. Below you will find some information to help you during our Sunday Services. If you need any assistance, please ask one of our ushers for help.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Cedar Church strives to enjoy God through Spirit-empowered and Christ-centered worship. The Bible is sincerely loved, and we hope that you will find it opened up to you in a fresh and faithful manner each Sunday.

## NURSERY

Childcare is available in the nursery, located west of the sanctuary, for children up to three years old. A Mother's Lounge, located directly across the hall, provides a quiet space for feeding, changing, and resting infants. A cry-room, equipped with a live stream, is available directly across from the nursery. Children are always welcome in the service.

## COFFEE BREAK

After morning worship, please join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and refreshments.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Following snack time with parents in the Fellowship Hall, children from ages 2 through 6th grade have a short time of singing in the basement before they meet for Sunday School. Sunday School classes are available for all ages after morning worship.

Guests are especially welcome!

**(Please see locations of individual classes within.)**

## HOW TO REACH US

### FOR SPIRITUAL HELP

ELDERS@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

### FOR PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE

DEACONS@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

### FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

616-669-9951 OR OFFICE@CEDARCHURCH.ORG

## FOR ASSORTED NEEDS (SCAN THE QR CODE HERE)



# CEDAR CHURCH

## ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN

### MEETING AT

2025 Baldwin Street

Jenison, MI 49428

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# Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

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|---|---|---|
| <b>Prelude</b>                            |   |   |
| Welcome & Announcements                   |   |   |
| <b>The Living God Calls Us to Worship</b> |   | Psalm 32:11                                 |
| <b>We Enter Into God’s Presence</b>       |   |   |
| In Song*                                  | <i>Joy to the World</i>                 |   |
| In Prayer*                                |   | Prayer of Approach                          |
| <b>God Speaks to Us</b>                   |   |   |
| In Scripture                              |   | Matthew 1:18-25                             |
| <b>We Respond in Humility</b>             |   | Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon |
|   |   | 1 Peter 2:24                                |
| In Song*                                  | <i>Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery</i> |   |
| <b>God Feeds Us</b>                       |   |   |
| In Scripture                              |   | Psalm 69:13-18                              |
| In Sermon                                 | BLUE CHRISTMAS PETITIONS                | Jonathan Loerop   Guest Preacher            |
| <b>We Respond in Commitment</b>           |   | Prayer of Application                       |
| In Song*                                  | <i>Speak O Lord</i>                     |   |
| In Giving                                 | General Fund                            | Tithes & Offering                           |
| In Prayer                                 |   | Congregational Prayer                       |
| <b>God Blesses Us</b>                     |   |   |
| Benediction                               | God Himself is With Us                  | Hymn 382 (v.2)                              |

\* denotes standing

# Volunteers

| Volunteer Ministries       | TODAY<br>Dec. 21  | NEXT WEEK<br>Dec. 28  |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Hostess/Asst. Refreshments | Carla Baker/Barb Lomonaco<br>Cathy Maxfield/Beka Mulder<br>Jennie Mulder/Kim Mulder | Carla Baker/Barb Lomonaco<br>Barb Neumair/Mary Nichols<br>Stacy Nichols/Nella Kortman Niezink |
| Nursery                    | AM<br>PM<br>Hailey Fullalove/Rebecca VanDyke<br>Jordan Knot/Abby Mulder             | Joanna Lipsy/Catelin Davis<br>Carla Baker/Eden Mulder   |

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| Youth Group Scoop | • <b>Youth Group Begins:</b> Sunday, January 11, 6:45 - 8:30 (every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)                                  |
|                   | <i>Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipsy, Chris Neumair,<br/>Pastor Jerry Neumair, &amp; Stacy Nichols - Location: Youth Room (basement)</i> |

# Birthdays and Offering Metrics

Happy Birthday

## DECEMBER

- 6 – Kenneth Gardner (3)
- 13 – Matthew Nichols Jr.
- 18 – Marla Broek
- 19 – Allen Reitsma (3)
- 19 – Abigail Mulder (15)
- 25 – Josiah Mulder (17)
- 28 – Lily Maxfield (17)

|                          |                                 |                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund             | Last Week                       | \$10,341 / \$8,681    |
|                          | 3 Week Average                  | \$11,358 / \$8,681    |
|                          | YTD                             | \$407,797 / \$412,570 |
| Deacons Fund             | Current Balance                 | \$12,278 / \$15,000   |
| Last Week's Special Fund | Children's Offering             | \$1,330               |
| Tuition Assistance       | Current Balance (Code: Tuition) | \$22,000 / \$22,000   |
| Ascension General Fund   | Last Week                       | \$594                 |
|                          | 3 Week Average                  | \$1,803               |
|                          | YTD                             | \$48,589.00           |

### 5 Ways to Give at Cedar Church

1. Give by offering plate
2. Give in-person in the foyer offering box.
3. Mail a check to: Cedar Church, 2025 Baldwin St., Jenison, MI 49428
4. Give online: [www.cedarchurch.org/give](http://www.cedarchurch.org/give)
5. Give by text: Text 'amount code' to (616) 208-4889 (ex. text '50 general' to give \$50 to the General Fund)

# Cedar Announcements

## Today

- 9:30AM In-Person & Online Worship Service
- 10:45AM Fellowship & Refreshments
- 5:30PM In-Person & Online Worship Service

### Upcoming Benevolent Offering

Dec. 28 – Deacons' Fund

For a complete calendar of events go to [cedarchurch.org/calendar](http://cedarchurch.org/calendar)

**Deacons' Fund Next Week** – Your gifts to this fund are a great blessing to those that the Deacons help.

**Children's Christmas Offering** – will be collected for the Matt and Annette Cummings family for their ministry at The Joy Center in Sendai, Japan. Gifts can be given for the Cummings any time through January 4, 2026 by noting that the gift is for the Children's Christmas Offering on the memo line of the check.

As you give, please remember to pray for the ministry of the Cummings family in Japan.

**Sunday School and Wednesday Ministries** – The new Sunday School semester begins January 4, and the new Wednesday semester will begin January 7, 2026. Please refer to the Christian Education insert for details.

**Volunteers Needed for Children's Ministries** – We are seeking volunteers to serve in our Children's Ministries for the upcoming Winter 2026 semester, with a special need in Girls' Club. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Jerry Neumair.

**Profession of Faith** – The elders are delighted to hear Colin Corson's faith in Jesus and his desire to make it public. This January, Colin will testify to his faith along with making vows to be a faithful member at Cedar Church. Rejoice with us that another teen has been saved!

**No December Fellowship Luncheon** – There will be no Fellowship Luncheon in December. Please look forward to our next luncheon on Sunday, January 11.

## Wednesday AM Bible Studies

Winter 2026 Midweek Bible Studies are held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

Beginning January 7

- **Women's Morning Bible Study:** Biblical Warriors (organized from Scripture by Joan) Leader, Joan Broene (Fellowship Room)
- **Men's Morning Bible Study:** Wednesday morning Men's study: A study in Isaiah (Life Change Series) Leader, Mick Knierim. (Upstairs Conference Room)

## Wednesday PM Learning Opportunities for All Ages!

The midweek meal will begin at 5:45 PM | PM Ministries | 6:30 PM

- **Midweek Meal** – Join us at 5:45 PM every Wednesday for a hot meal and time of fellowship in the fellowship hall.
- **Grief-Share Support Group** – Stuck in grief after the death of a loved one? Grief Share can help you mourn while finding comfort and renewed hope for the future. This support group features Christ-centered teaching along with DVD stories of real-life people who have found that the Lord is near the brokenhearted. Class begins at 6:30 PM after our church dinner. Please consider inviting a grieving friend and pray for God's peace for those who attend. Leader Jerry Neumair. (Upstairs Conference Room)
- **Faith On Trial – Psalm 73** by Martin Lloyd-Jones. Why do good people suffer unjustly – and yet others get away with it? The Psalmist, Asaph, dealt with this very problem in Psalm 73 – one that has often perplexed and discouraged God's people. Asaph reveals his own 'no-holds-barred' feelings and leads us step by step from near – despair to final assurance. For this reason, it has always appealed to preachers and counsellors. An excellent book for those struggling with, or wondering about, injustice in the world. Led by Ken Folkerts (Youth Room)
- **Catechism Club** – Children from age 3 to grade 2 - Using accounts from the Bible of God's work in the world to help the children understand God's character and abstract theological truths. There will be games, songs, Bible memory, catechism memory and Bible stories. (Led by Joanna Lipy (Main room in basement.)
- **Girls' Club** – Girls' Club is a class for girls in grades 3-12 where we strive to love each other, learn about the love of God, and craft together. This year our older ladies (grades 6-12) will be learning a little about purity and how to study the Bible. Our younger ladies (grades 3-5) will be learning psalms and parables. We deepen our relationships with crafts, lessons, field trips, game nights, and tea parties. Led by Beka Mulder (Lower West Wing)
- **Boys' Cadets** – Cadets is a youth ministry for boys (grade 3 and up). Cadets help boys to grow more Christ-like in all areas of life. Cadets do this by Discovering God's Word through Bible lessons, learning new skills, and exploring the world around us. The Cadets accomplish this by earning merit badges, campouts, and hands on learning. At Cedar Church any boy who is entering the third grade is welcome to join and can continue in the Cadet program indefinitely if they choose. Led by Jon Mulder (Location: West Wing Upstairs)

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## Sunday Learning Opportunities for All Ages

Winter 2026 Sunday School | 11:15-12:15

Beginning January 4

### CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Pre K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** *K: Jesus Is God's Son* (meeting in the room downstairs at base of west staircase)
- **2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade:** *Listening T Jesus* (meeting in the 2nd room on the right at base of west staircase)
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6th Grade:** *Exodus to Ruth* (meeting upstairs in west extension, east room)
- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Exodus to Joshua* (meeting upstairs in west extension, west room)
- **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade (High School)** *So What Series: Growing in Christ's Church* (Youth Room)

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Faith On Trial – Psalm 73** by Martin Lloyd-Jones. Why do good people suffer unjustly – and yet others get away with it? The Psalmist, Asaph, dealt with this very problem in Psalm 73 – one that has often perplexed and discouraged God's people. Asaph reveals his own 'no-holds-barred' feelings and leads us step by step from near – despair to final assurance. For this reason, it has always appealed to preachers and counsellors. An excellent book for those struggling with, or wondering about, injustice in the world. Led by Ken Folkerts (Sanctuary)
- **Extraordinary Hospitality (for ordinary people)** by Carolyn Lacey. Generous hospitality is a significant way in which God works through our lives to bring life to others, yet many of us feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed at the prospect, especially if we don't have big houses and we are not wonderful cooks! Carolyn Lacey encourages us to focus on the goal of hospitality, which is to reflect God's welcoming heart, and shows us how we can all do that, regardless of our bank balance or living situation. She explores seven ways in which we can reflect God's character in the way we welcome others into our homes and into our lives, and so point people ultimately to Christ. This practical and realistic book explores how to make generous hospitality part of everyday life without becoming exhausted and overburdened. Leaders, Bob and Patti Dornbos (Upstairs Conference Room)
- **Various Subjects from the Westminster Confession** – The Westminster Catechisms (Shorter and Larger) comprehensively address various subjects within Christian theology, particularly from a Reformed perspective. Led by our Elders (West Wing)

### SUNDAY EVENING

- Sunday Night Youth Group – **Begins Sunday, Jan. 11**, 6:45PM – 8:30PM (every second and fourth Sunday) right after evening worship. Youth Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipy, Chris Neumair, Pastor Jerry Neumair, & Stacy Nichols /Location: Youth Room

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