

# WELCOME TO CEDAR CHURCH

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**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.

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## 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

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## MEETING AT

2025 Baldwin Street

Jenison, MI 49428

616-669-9151

[www.cedarchurch.org](http://www.cedarchurch.org)

# Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

## Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## The Living God Calls Us to Worship

Isaiah 61:10a

## We Enter Into God's Presence

In Song\* *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

In Prayer\* Prayer of Approach

## God Speaks to Us

In Scripture Romans 3:19-20

## We Respond in Humility

In Prayer Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon  
Romans 3:21-26

In Membership Andrew, Betsy, Oliver & River Krikke

In Song\* *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

## God Feeds Us

In Scripture Jonah 2

In Sermon MERCY REMEMBERED  
Trent Hordyke | Guest Preacher

## We Respond in Commitment

In Song\* *Man of Sorrows (Lamb of God)*  
Prayer of Application

In Giving General Fund & Martha Maxfield Internship Tithes & Offering

In Prayer Congregational Prayer

## God Blesses Us

Benediction Shout for the Blessed Jesus Reigns Hymn 369 (v.5)

\* denotes standing

# Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

## Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## The Living God Summons Us

Psalm 99:1

## We Enter Into God's Presence

In Song\* *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

In Prayer\* Prayer of Approach

## God Welcomes Us

In Scripture Romans 13:8-14

## We Respond in Consecration

In Prayer Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon  
Ephesians 2:4-9

In Song\* *Blessed Assurance*

## God Feeds Us

In Scripture Ephesians 1:1-14

In Sermon HOW CAN WE RESPOND, BUT WITH PRAISE!  
Jordan Sweezer | Guest Preacher

## We Respond in Commitment

In Song\* *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*  
Prayer of Application

In Giving General Fund & Martha Maxfield Internship Tithes & Offering

In Prayer Congregational Prayer

## God Blesses Us

Benediction Fairest Lord Jesus (v. 4)

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# Birthdays and Offering Metrics

## Happy Birthday

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Quinten Smith (14)
- 2 – Maggie Knot (8)
- 5 – Terry Williams
- 15 – Beka Mulder
- 17 – Raelynn Nichols (10)
- 19 – Jeremy Fullalove
- 20 – Carla Baker
- 20 – Jennie Mulder
- 23 – Danny Gardner
- 24 – Payton Corson
- 25 – Alden Corson
- 25 – Bill Huizinga
- 25 – Henry Nichols (13)
- 26 – Curtis Dykstra
- 28 – Jeremy Schipper
- 30 – Bryon Davis

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Iain & Barb Smith (20)
- 9 – Jerry & Lois Berends (2)
- 20 – Bryon & Dawn Davis (27)

General Fund	Last Week	\$7,608 / \$7,465
	3 Week Average	\$5,691 / \$7,465
	YTD	\$91,522 / \$89,582
Deacons Fund	Current Balance	\$14,488 / \$15,000
Last Week's Special Fund	Harmony Homes	\$3,463
Ascension General Fund	Last Week	\$548
	3 Week Average	\$764
	YTD	\$22,002.10

### 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
- 11:15AM Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 5:30PM In-Person & Online Worship Service

### Benevolent Offering Schedule

April 19 – Cadet Sunday

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

**Summer Missions Internship | Martha Maxfield!** – We're excited to share that Martha Maxfield has the opportunity to serve as a summer intern with the Serge mission agency. This internship will provide Martha with hands-on experience in cross-cultural ministry in an Asian setting, as she seeks to deepen her trust in God's leading and grow in zeal for seeing the Gospel reach all nations and peoples. Martha is seeking prayer from the members of Cedar Church that this experience would strengthen her faith and that of her fellow team members, broaden their vision for the global church, and equip them for a lifetime of serving Christ and His mission. We can also partner with her through providing

financial support. The total cost is \$6,109, but \$3,000 is provided by her university's Global Missions Program, leaving \$3,109 to be raised (with some additional costs such as for travel to and from the departure point in the U.S). She will be receiving some support from the church she attends in Birmingham, with other potential sources of support as well (so the full amount is not expected to come from Cedar alone), but she will have additional needs arising from spending the summer doing ministry abroad instead of working to provide for college expenses next year. Please pray for her ministry, and prayerfully consider if the Lord is leading you to invest in this opportunity to further His work among the nations and in Martha's preparations for cross-cultural kingdom service.

**New Members** – The Cedar elders are pleased to announce that Andrew & Betsy Krikke and their sons Oliver and River will be joining Cedar Church this morning. Soli Deo Gloria.

**Sunday School & Wednesday Ministries Update** – No Sunday School on Easter, **April 5** and no Wednesday Ministries **April 8**. The new Sunday School semester will begin **April 12 through June 28**. Please refer to the insert for all Sunday School and Wednesday classes.

**Women's Bible Study** – We will meet during Spring Break on Wednesday, April 8, followed by lunch. Please bring your own sandwich and a dish to share.

**Abundance Table** – Today is the last day to pick up a sweater or sweatshirt. During April, we'll feature spring and summer items including sports equipment (baseball, golf, fishing, soccer) and gardening tools or décor. Feel free to bring items to share or take what you can use!



**Meals for the Loerop Family** – We are coordinating freezer meals for the Loerop family, who live in Lowell. Meals can be placed in the basement freezer at Cedar. Please sign up on the "Take Them A Meal" online meal calendar and follow posted instructions. Thank you so much!

# Announcements Cont'd

**Tuition Assistance** – The application window for the Tuition Assistance fund is open and applications for the school year of 2026-2027 may be submitted through March 31st. Please turn in your physical application to any deacon or go to [cedarchurch.org/tuition](http://cedarchurch.org/tuition) for an online application.

**Ministry of the Month for March | Outreach** – Our Outreach Ministry seeks to connect our church with our community and share the love of Christ. This ministry organizes outreach events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Springfest, Summerfest, Hallowcuisine, GriefShare, and DivorceCare. It also equips and encourages members to share the good news of Jesus and provides invitations for neighbors and friends to learn about Christ and connect with Cedar. Above all, we pray for those who do not yet know the Lord, that they may be saved and added to the Cedar family.

**Disaster Relief Work** – Thanks for the support for the upcoming trip to Carter County, TN. This team is planning to be traveling down on April 4 and returning April 11. We will be spending Easter in Tennessee. Please pray for the team, thank you!

**Three Score & More** – Wednesday, April 15 at 11:30 AM, Tom and Mary Nichols will be sharing photos from their extensive trip last fall. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you didn't participate in Bible study that morning. All ages are invited!

**Ascension Church Update** – Ascension Church continues to grow steadily as a young church plant supported by Cedar. This is a critical season in its development, and your encouragement and involvement matter. Would you prayerfully consider how you can help?

- Share about Ascension church with friends and family
- Commit to pray for the church and Pastor Jacey Davison
- Sign up to visit and encourage the congregation

A signup sheet is available at the back of the church. God is doing meaningful work through Ascension with potential eternal impact. Thank you for continuing to support this important ministry. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please contact a Cedar elder or Pastor Jacey Davison. In Christ, Cedar Elders

**Let's all visit Ascension Church** – Cedar Church would like to encourage every member to visit our mission work, Ascension Church, at least 2x during 2026! An in-person visit will help you see with your own eyes what the Lord is doing in Uptown Grand Rapids. It will also help you invite others to check out our new mission work as you can give a first-hand testimonial about what the Lord is doing there. Finally, it will encourage the planter and participants. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Cedar Church foyer. Ascension Church worships at 1110 Wealthy Street SE in Grand Rapids. You can learn more at [www.ascensionchurchgr.org](http://www.ascensionchurchgr.org).

**Cedar Blood Drive – Monday, April 20 | 3:00–8:00 PM** Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. We need 30 donors and can't do it without you! If you've never given before, we encourage you to sign up, the staff will walk you through the process. Thank you for helping make this drive a success. See Lois with any questions.

# Volunteers

Volunteer Ministries	TODAY March 29	NEXT WEEK April 5
<b>Hostess/Asst. Refreshments</b>	David & Rebecca VanDyke Judy Duthler/Sue Folkerts Tracy Hansma/Linda Huizinga Kelsey Hunter	Paul & Dianna Johnson Dianna Johnson/Ethel Knierim Jordan Knot/Tiffany Kortman Jill Kuikstra
<b>Nursery AM SS PM</b>	Karen Williams/Catelin Davis Rebecca VanDyke Jennie Mulder/Hope Smith	Cari Wiersma/Rebecca Lipsy No Sunday School (Easter) Beka Mulder/Olivia Smith
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Luke Mulder Miles Smith Joshua Lipsy	Bryon Davis Miles Smith Andrew Davis

<b>Youth Group Scoop</b>	• <b>Youth Group April 12, 6:45PM-8:30PM</b> (every 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday)
	<i>Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipsy, Chris Neumair, Pastor Jerry Neumair, &amp; Stacy Nichols - Location: Youth Room (basement)</i>

# Sunday Learning Opportunities for All Ages

April 12 Spring 2026 Sunday School | 11:15-12:15

## CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Pre K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** *K: K: Jesus Is The Savior* (meeting in the room downstairs at base of west staircase)
- **2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade:** *Telling Others* (meeting in the 2nd room on the right at base of west staircase)
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6th Grade:** *1 Samuel to Esther* (meeting upstairs in west extension, east room)
- **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Judges to 1 Kings* (meeting upstairs in west extension, west room)
- **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade (High School)** *So What Series: Worshipping God* (Youth Room)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ***Prizing Public Worship*** – Public worship has fallen on hard times. In our individualized age, there is little we value doing communally, especially when there is an alternative that can be tailor-fit for our personal wants and preferences. Thankfully, David Clarkson helps us understand the superior privilege of public worship and the responsibilities believers have as they engage in it. He compellingly argues that the glory of God demands the corporate worship of His people. Moreover, public worship is not simply something we should do; it is something we should love. Read this book and learn to prize the ordinary means of grace as God's precious gifts to His people. Led by Ken Folkerts (Sanctuary)
- ***What Does It Mean To Profess My Faith?*** A class for Cedar youth who would like to know more about taking Cedar's five membership vows. Those younger than middle school should have one parent attend. Led by Pastor Jerry Neumair (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 –6:45PM – 8:30PM (every second and fourth Sunday) right after evening worship. Youth Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipsy, Chris Neumair, Pastor Jerry Neumair, & Stacy Nichols /Location: Youth Room

# Wednesday AM Bible Studies

*April 15 Spring 2026 Midweek Bible Studies are held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM.*

- **Women's Morning Bible Study:** Women's Bible Study – Our next study will focus on "Praise" from the book of Psalms. Please bring your favorite Bible translation. All ages are welcome; no nursery is available. (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 Lipsy (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)

# Church Officer Nominations

It is again time to nominate officer trainees to attend a training class for election in 2027.

Nominations are now open for the congregation to recommend prospective candidates to the office of Elder or Deacon for training in 2026 and service in 2027.

Those who are communicant members in good standing of Cedar Church may make nominations.

Male communicant members in good standing are eligible to be nominated as follows:

1. Please make your elder and deacon nominations in writing to the session at [elders@cedarchurch.org](mailto:elders@cedarchurch.org). These names will be kept confidential among the elders.
2. Each nominee approved by the session will be asked to undergo officer training. During that time, the men will be asked to prayerfully examine themselves to discern whether they believe God is calling them to this ministry at the present time.
3. After officer training, nominees will be examined by the Session. Then, the names of those who have been certified by the Session will be announced to the congregation for its prayerful consideration. Only at this point will we have official candidates.
4. Finally, the congregation will elect any Elder and Deacon candidates at the annual Congregational Meeting in January 2027. In February 2027, the men will be ordained and/or installed during a Sunday morning worship service.