

WELCOME TO CEDAR CHURCH

We 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

616-669-9151

www.cedarchurch.org

Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Living God Calls Us to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

We Enter Into God's Presence

In Song* *Come People of the Risen King*

In Prayer* Prayer of Approach

God Speaks to Us

In Scripture Isaiah 56:9-12

We Respond in Humility

In Prayer Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon
Acts 10:43

In Song* *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

God Feeds Us

In Scripture Philippians 3:1-3

In Sermon BASELESS RELIGION

Zac Reeves | Guest Preacher

We Respond in Commitment

In Song* *All I Have is Christ*

In Giving General Fund Tithes & Offering

In Prayer Congregational Prayer

God Blesses Us

Benediction By the Sea of Crystal (v. 3)

* denotes standing

Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The Living God Summons Us

Psalm 99:5

We Enter Into God's Presence

In Song* *Worship Christ, the Risen King* Hymn 286 (vv.1,2,4,5)

In Prayer* Prayer of Approach

God Welcomes Us

In Scripture Exodus 19:16-25

We Respond in Consecration

In Prayer Prayer to Confess Sin & Assurance of Pardon
Matthew 1:21

In Song* *Christ is Mine, Forevermore*

God Feeds Us

In Scripture I Kings 19:1-18

In Sermon THE LORD MEETS ELIJAH

Andrew Johnson | Guest Preacher

We Respond in Commitment

In Song* *Behold Our God* Prayer of Application

God's & Our Communion Meal

In Song* *My Jesus I Love Thee* The Lord's Supper

In Giving General Fund Tithes & Offering

God Blesses Us

Benediction All to Jesus I Surrender (v. 3)

*denotes standing

Birthdays and Offering Metrics

Happy Birthday

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Henry den Hollander (11)
- 3 – Jon Mulder
- 5 – Jordan Knot
- 7 – Bob Dornbos
- 9 – Tracy Hansma
- 12 – Jackson den Hollander (14)
- 15 – Jim Friedrich
- 15 – Olive Neumair (15)
- 16 – Natalie Dykstra (15)
- 18 – Julie Davison
- 19 – Landen Smith
- 20 – Catelin Davis (10)
- 21 – Mathew Nichols III (15)
- 23 – Adam den Hollander (16)
- 27 – Ruby Mulder (10)
- 28 – Cal Ter Avest
- 29 – Jamison Simon (1)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 – Kevin & Cari Wiersema (38)
- 19 – Ron & Carolyn McKenzie (66)

General Fund	Last Week	\$7,345 / \$7,621
	3 Week Average	\$6,389 / \$7,621
	YTD	\$103,082 / \$104,668
Deacons Fund	Current Balance	\$14,663 / \$15,000
Last Week's Special Fund	None	\$0
Ascension General Fund	Last Week	\$527
	3 Week Average	\$696
	YTD	\$23,541.10

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
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 Sunday School
- 12:30 PM Fellowship Lunch
- 5:30PM In-Person & Online Worship Service
- 6:45PM Youth Group

Benevolent Offering Schedule

April 19 – Cadet Sunday

For a complete calendar of events go to cedarchurch.org/calendar

Sunday Lord's Supper – We will celebrate the Lord's Supper this evening. All baptized, professing Christians who are communicant members in good standing of a Bible-believing church are welcome to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Wine is placed in the center & middle of the tray and grape juice on the outside ring. All elements are gluten free. Safely-sealed communion kits are available for those who desire such a kit in the main foyer and can be picked up prior to the start of the service. Please direct any questions to elders@cedarchurch.org.

Sunday School – The new Sunday School semester will begin **today and run through June 28**. Please refer to the insert for all Sunday School and Wednesday classes.

April Fellowship Lunch – Today is our fellowship lunch. Plan to come and enjoy good food and even better fellowship after Sunday

School. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert, along with your own beverages and table setting. Crockpots can be placed in the lower-level kitchen.

Abundance Table – 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!

Special Offering April 19 | Cadet Sunday – Cedar Cadets will take part in the worship service and time will be devoted to praying for the Cadet Ministry. The Benevolent Offering will be received during both services for our Cadets. The Calvinist Cadet Corps is a non-denominational youth ministry organization that provides churches with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys in their church and community.



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!

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!

Upcoming Baptism – Cedar session is pleased to announce that Layla Clare Hamran will be baptized on Sunday, April 19.

WomentoWomen – There will be no meeting during the month of April. We will resume on Thursday, May 14. More details to come.

Announcements Cont'd

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.

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

Cedar Blood Drive – Monday, April 20 | 3:00–8:00 PM – We have been given 30 appointment slots and need to fill them in order to collect 22 units of blood. Right now, only a few spots have been claimed. We understand there are many reasons people may hesitate, but we encourage you to reconsider if you're able. Just one hour of your time can help save up to three lives. At our last drive, Pastor Jonathon Loerop donated for the first time—and not long after, he himself needed blood following an accident. His story is a powerful reminder of how important it is to have blood available when it's needed most. Please consider signing up and helping us fill every spot.

Three Score & More Event – Dr. Deb Sims will be speaking on the topic of abuse on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 PM. This event is open to the public; however, she has requested that no children be in attendance. This will be a valuable and informative presentation—please consider joining us.

Three Score and More – Join us at Evergreen Commons for a lunch featuring Dutch cuisine and live Dutch dancing during the meal. Tickets are \$26. Sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship hall. Please reserve your spot and submit payment to Lois by April 19. (Date and time forthcoming).

Volunteers

Volunteer Ministries	TODAY April 12	NEXT WEEK April 19
Hostess/Asst. Refreshments	David & Rebecca VanDyke Joanna Lipsy/Barb Lomonaco Beka Mulder/Jennie Mulder Mary Nichols	David & Rebecca VanDyke Cathy Maxfield/Kim Mulder Barb Neumair/Stacy Nichols Nella Kortman Niezink
Nursery AM SS PM	Kibsy Reitsma/Anna Lipsy Rebecca VanDyke Carla Baker/Ruby Mulder	Lydia DeBoef/Hailey Fullalove Cathy Maxfield Jordan Knot/Abby Mulder
Audio/Visual	Adam denHollander Craig Baker Jackson denHollander	Luke Mulder Miles Smith Joshua Lipsy

Youth Group Scoop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Group tonight, 6:45PM-8:30PM (every 2nd & 4th Sunday)
	<p><i>Leaders: Jenny den Hollander, Dan Lipsy, Chris Neumair, & Stacy Nichols - Location: Youth Room (basement)</i></p>

Ministry of the Month | April | Youth Group

Long-Term Vision: We are seeking God's direction to cultivate a "long-term" purpose for Cedar's youth. Our goal is to develop vibrant Christian leaders among our students and their peers.

- **Leadership Transition & Structure:** As Pastor Jerry takes a step back, we are praying for discernment. We are working to establish more formal roles and responsibilities for our current volunteers to ensure a healthy, sustainable leadership team.
- **Curriculum & Resource Stewardship:** We need wisdom in selecting resources that meet students "where they are." Given that many students have already attended two services by Sunday evening, we are balancing our limited time to prioritize engagement over lectures.

Our Current Sunday Evening Flow:

- **Dinner (20–30 mins):** Fellowship and refueling.
- **Discussion & Study (20 mins):** Focused, impactful teaching, activities and discussions.
- **Games & Connection (30 mins):** Building intentional relationships.
- **Wrap-up & Clean-up (10 mins)**

Ultimately, our heart is to build deep, lasting relationships with the students at Cedar. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and helping our team as we look to better serve the students at Cedar.

Sunday Learning Opportunities for All Ages

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

CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Pre K, K, 1st 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)
- **5th & 6th Grade:** *1 Samuel to Esther* (meeting upstairs in west extension, east room)
- **7th & 8th Grade:** *Judges to 1 Kings* (meeting upstairs in west extension, west room)
- **9th-12th 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. 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.