

# CEDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Cliff Nelson

**MAY**



**2025**

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR CLIFF



The end of May I will have completed 5 years as your pastor plus 1 year of helping pastor Judy. As I reflect on the time we have been together I do so with a thankful heart. We have experienced much together and have been blessed by God. As I reflect I am especially grateful to the leadership of this congregation and their dedication to the ministry of Cedar Church. I felt that personally when I was on vacation with my family in Oregon, ended up in the hospital and had surgery to remove my gall bladder. I was concerned about not being there for the Sunday worship service but the response of the leaders of the church was, "don't worry about us, we will take care of everything, you just concentrate on getting well". And everything did go well. So I say thank you to everyone who stepped in to make sure worship happened. Thank you! Thank you!

I want to take time to thank all the ministry teams and committees for their dedication and sacrifice made to oversee the ongoing ministry and success of Cedar Church. Thank you trustees for all you do to maintain our church property and the way you make sure we are always on top of everything that needs to happen. I appreciate the way you keep the vision before us on how we can improve and enhance the use of our property. Thank you Mary for your custodial upkeep of our building. It always looks good. Thank you Rich for the ongoing mowing and upkeep of the yard.

Thank you to the worship committee and your commitment to enhancing our worship experience. Thank you to the choir directed by Marty, the bell choir directed by pastor Judy, our pianist Amy and those who help out as needed. Thank you to all who provide special music throughout the year, to the ushers and greeters. Thank you Lorraine and Tammy and your many helpers who give so much time to decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Through all of you we have been blessed through our worship experiences.

Thank you to the fellowship team and the hours given to provide fellowship experiences for the congregation like our amazing Easter brunch and oversight to community outreach like Nite to Unite and Trunk or Treat events.

Thank you to Social Media team and the many positive changes made to let our community know who we are and inviting them to check us out. You are making a difference, keep up the good work.

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*Thank you to the newly formed children's team. You have created wonderful opportunities for our children and outreach beyond our church. I'm excited about the unfolding opportunities for our children as this ministry grows. Thank you to Lorraine and Tammy for leading Sunday school throughout the year. Thank you Steve for your help with confirmation.*

*Thank you to the missions team for providing opportunities to give throughout the year to provide support locally and abroad. We continue to touch the lives of those in need.*

*Thank you to the caring and sharing team as you continue to reach out to the needs of the elderly in our congregation and what a wonderful ladies luncheon, "Ounce Upon An Apron". It was an amazing time of fellowship.*

*Thank you to Doug, Ruth, and Lisa for overseeing the finances and record keeping of Cedar. Your work is important as you keep the financial needs before us. What a joy to know we paid our apportionments in full for 2024. Thank you to the Ad Council for overseeing all of the work in our committees and teams.*

*All I can say is we have an amazing ministry together and it takes all of us to make it happen. Preparations are being made as we celebrate 125 years of ministry. We indeed have much to celebrate. God has blessed us and will continue to bless us.*

*Again, Thank You  
Pastor Cliff*

## PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are putting together a photo directory in celebration of Cedar's 125th anniversary. Larry Podany has offered to take photos. If you can't make it to church or would prefer to use one of your own, please email it to [cedarumc@gmail.com](mailto:cedarumc@gmail.com) or mail it in. The picture will be scanned and returned to you.

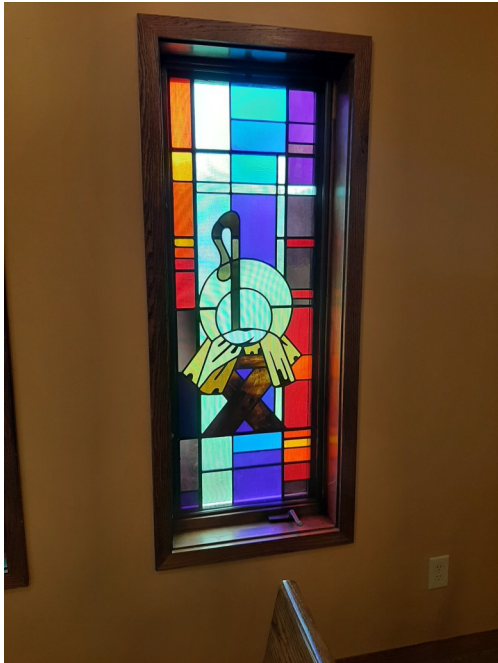
Please let us know if any of your information has changed so we have accurate information for the directory. Family Update forms are available at church or I can email or mail you one.

Thank you-  
Lisa



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## MEMORIAL



DID YOU KNOW.....

Our beautiful stained glass windows named "The Nativity " was donated by the Rosenquist Family. We are so grateful for this gift.

We cherish and respect every gift.  
The Memorial Committee

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The Social Media team encourages you to visit our Community Facebook Page at Cedar United Methodist Church Ham Lake, MN. Please follow, like and comment on our postings! When you do that, we become more visible to the community.

You can also help us increase our website traffic by leaving Google reviews. Did you know that we post all of our Sunday services on our website so you can view them at [cedarumc.org](http://cedarumc.org) if you can't get to church. And don't forget to follow us on Instagram!

The Social Media Team



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be winding down in May, on the 4th we will join the congregation to watch the Confirmation of Loralai Patton and Communion, choir sings prelude and Anthem. Kids will go back for Sunday school after that.

On May 11th, Mother's Day, there will be a baptism, we will let you know that morning when Sunday school is. We would like kids to see this also, such learning opportunities.

May 18th is graduation Sunday, we have one high school graduate to honor and we will also have all Sunday school kids honored & recognized for participation and for one of our boys being moved from Elementary to Jr/ Sr High class. We will inform you as the time for that, as it gets closer. That will be the end of this 2024/2025 season.

Enjoy your Summer with families, remember to read the Bible with your children! Sunday school begins again September 14th on Rally Sunday!

Note: Do not forget Cedar UMC's 125th Anniversary. BIG Celebration on September 21st!

Tammy and Lorraine

## MISSIONS

Thank you for being "Mission-Minded" and giving generously for our chosen missions. In May we will be thinking about our missionaries, Delbert and Sandy Groves, who serve in Zambia, Africa. They have helped develop the New Life Center to spread the good news of God's love and to help provide education for children and Personal Energy Transportation vehicles (PETs) to make it possible for the handicapped to get around. Our Noisy Sunday collection on May 25th will be for them. As always, the cart in the entryway is available for donations of nonperishable food items and used clothing.

Junelle and Sue

## FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank all of you who volunteered for another successful Easter brunch. You are all marvelous and we appreciate you!

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 18th.

The Fellowship Committee



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## MAY BIRTHDAYS



5/3	LuAnn Cedarberg
5/7	Travis Tueffel
5/8	LeRoy Swanson
5/15	Brad Gustafson
5/16	John Hunter
5/18	Marty Bartels
	Dawn Swanson
5/21	Donna Bodinski
	Nathan Taylor
5/23	Weston Musker

## CARING & SHARING

We would like to thank all the ladies who took a little time for themselves and joined us at our Once Upon an Apron, a Journey through the 40's Ladies Luncheon! What a great time and learned somethings along the way. Many, many Thank You's go out to our wonderful men, for serving us, they always do a good job and smile while working!

Another thanks goes out to all of our entertaining, talents, how awesome we're they! Singing, dancing Hulas, piano solos, even a saxophone treat, great rousing 40's music & poems. We lost a couple great entertainers to family illness and they were missed!!

Caring & Sharing will continue meeting three times a month, we have no programs or events planned at this time, just enjoy the warmth and our friendships, God's Word & we usually meet outside in the Summer, when we can!! Any lady is invited to visit or to join us, everything said is confidential.

PS: I will be out of commission May & June, maybe part of July but Tammy, Ruth, Merilee, Rachel, Renee or Carol will be able to answer questions.

Lorraine



# MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	2.	3.
4. <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	5. 6:00 pm Caring & Caring	6. 6:00 pm Book Club	7. 6:00 pm Bells	8. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	9.	10. 9:00 am Service for May Ross
11. <b>Mother's Day</b> 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	12.	13. 3:00 pm Social Media Meeting	14.	15. 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting	16.	17.
18. 10:00 am Worship <b>Recognition of Graduates</b>	19. 6:00 pm Caring & Caring	20.	21.	22. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	23.	24.
25. 10:00 am Worship Noisy Sunday for our Missionaries	26. <b>Memorial Day</b>	27.	28.	29. <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	30.	31.