

CEDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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APRIL



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CLIFF



In just a few weeks we will celebrate Easter with the wonderful proclamation of Resurrection life beyond the grave, death has been defeated through the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some may ask preacher how can you be so sure of that? It comes with knowing the risen Christ!

The central message of the Resurrection is not that it is simply the promise of the future life in eternity with Christ, rather the resurrection is the way of living in the present. The Resurrection says Christ is alive and because he is, we can experience his presence and power in our lives today.

The resurrection says Jesus Christ is not simply a memory, but a presence. Not just someone to discuss, but someone to meet. Not just someone to know something about, but someone we know personally because he lives in us. So when I'm asked how can you be sure of Resurrection life beyond the grave my response is: It's not something out there just for the future! It's something we have now. So the question is not what will happen when I die but rather how then should I live now!

The resurrection ultimately proclaims we are to experience the abundant life in Christ that He offers to us now. So we must ask ourselves how do we live now? Whom do we trust with our lives now? What is God to us now? The point is the resurrection is now language. He is alive and lives with us. Halleluia!

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MEMORIAL

DID YOU KNOW.....

Our beautiful movie screen was donated by Mike and Olivia Bradley. They were long time members of Cedar Church. Even though this screen is hidden above and not always seen, we are so grateful for this gift.



We cherish and respect every gift.
The Memorial Committee

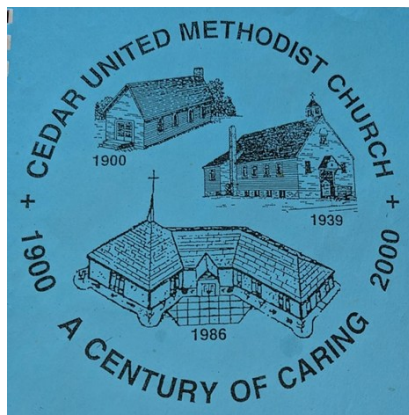
HISTORIAN

The team has started more planning for the 125-year celebration this Fall.

Would you like to help plan this event? Please contact Bob Heavirland or someone on the Ad Council.

- ◆ A new photo directory of members and friends of the Church is being planned.
- ◆ An updated History of Cedar booklet.
- ◆ Mementos of the church
- ◆ Banners posted
- ◆ May be other items still in planning.

Bob





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YOUTH

Hi all families or adults who like to make kids giddy with glee! We are in GREAT NEED for someone or a couple of families to work on getting Easter Eggs filled with treats, toys, candies for Easter Egg hunt after church on Easter Sunday!!

The Kacer family, who provided all the things and filled all 300 eggs, last year, will not be here this year. They are joining parents and siblings at parents church, this year, for a reunion! Alison said they would be glad to help with some \$ for egg fillings and/or some of the toys/ candies. Just let her know or let myself or Tammy know.

We would love to help some with whatever the new fillers would like to do, just cannot take on another project right now myself. You certainly do not need to have children or grandchildren to help with this very fun project, no boiling or coloring/dying of eggs is require either!! Just making kids smile and teachers rest a minuet!! The empty totes of eggs are in the garage and any of the Trustees will be glad to get them out for you, either take home to fill at your leisure or fill at church, as you like! Thank you in Advance. Tammy & Lorraine

MISSIONS

Thank you to all who support our chosen missions. March is Minnesota FoodShare month so our efforts have been to help provide food items for NACE, our local Food shelf. The cart in the entryway is always available for donating food items as well as used clothing for our local Clothing Closet. The Noisy Sunday offering collected on March 30 will go to NACE.

During April we will focus on Alexandra House, a shelter for abused women and children located in Blaine. Our Noisy Sunday offering on April 27 will be for them. Thank you for your interest in our chosen missions and your generosity. God bless you all.

Junelle and Sue



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS



4/3	David Dehne, Jr.
4/9	Karen Neitzel
4/10	Myrna Podany Sherie Renollett
4/15	Glenda Powers
4/16	David Criswell
4/17	Garrett Snyder
4/21	Charlie Ganz
4/26	Elliot Neitzel
4/27	Mollie Dean
4/30	Charley Neitzel

CARING & SHARING

The 1940's is going to arrive, in April on the 26th, for 1 whole day! Get your Aprons ready, wear a favorite or bring one and if a great story behind it, be ready to tell us about it!!! Check out the flier, choose being a homemaker, a factory worker, a leader like Rosie the Rivitor or business, lady that were few and far between! We are excited to see how you all celebrate the women of the 1940's, war time, swing time and loads of great music! "See You There or Be Square"
Caring & Sharing Ladies/ Lorraine

FELLOWSHIP

Easter is April 20th and of course there will be the Easter brunch/lunch from 8:30-1:00. It's an all-hands-on-deck event as we need folks to sign up for different food items and help in the kitchen. Doug has made a very detailed sign up sheet so please check it out and help.

The Fellowship Committee.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1.	2. 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service	3. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	4.	5.
6. 5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	7. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	8. 3:00 pm Social Media Meeting	9. 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:00 pm Choir	10. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	11.	12.
13. Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	14. Monday of Holy Week	15. Tuesday of Holy Week 2:00 pm Trustee Meeting	16. Wednesday of Holy Week 7:00 pm Choir	17. Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Worship	18. Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship	19. Holy Saturday
20. Easter Sunday 10:00 am Worship No Sunday school Easter Brunch 8:30-9:30 & 11:00-12 Egg Hunt	21. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	22.	23. 6:00 pm Bells	24. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	25.	26. 11:00-2:30 Ladies Luncheon
27. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school Noisy Sunday Alexandra House	28. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	29.	30. 7:00 pm Choir			