

CEDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Cliff Nelson

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"We are on a journey, committed to share God's love and the hope of Christ with our community"

A NOTE FROM PASTOR CLIFF



As I write this, we are in the heart of the Lenten season, a time for self- reflection. My mind goes back to a time when I was having a conversation with my son about the radio in the car always blaring. I shared with him, sometimes it is good to turn the radio off for a time of silence and reflection. I said often when I'm on the road traveling I will turn the radio off and simply enjoy a time of silence and reflection. Son, you might want to try it, and he gave me that look that says "are you crazy, no way." Sometime later he shared with me, "Dad I got to thinking about what you said about turning off the radio so I tried it and it was good. Taking time for silence and reflection was really valuable. Thank you dad."

On my trips going back and forth to Cedar, many times I turn the radio off and use the time for silence reflection and prayer and I find it to be a refreshing and enlightening time. We so often surround ourselves with constant noise, the radio or television going continuously. It's like we are afraid of silence. Yet silence and times for reflection are valuable to our personal and spiritual well-being. So, as we continue our Lenten journeys I encourage you to find a quiet place to simply be alone with God, read Scripture, to pray, to allow yourself to be in the presence of God. We can get so busy with so much that needs to be done. But maybe it's time to slow down, to smell the roses, to take time for ourselves, to be silent so that we may be able to hear the still small voice of God. It's worth it!

*In Christ,
Pastor Cliff*



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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24

Worship at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Worship at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29

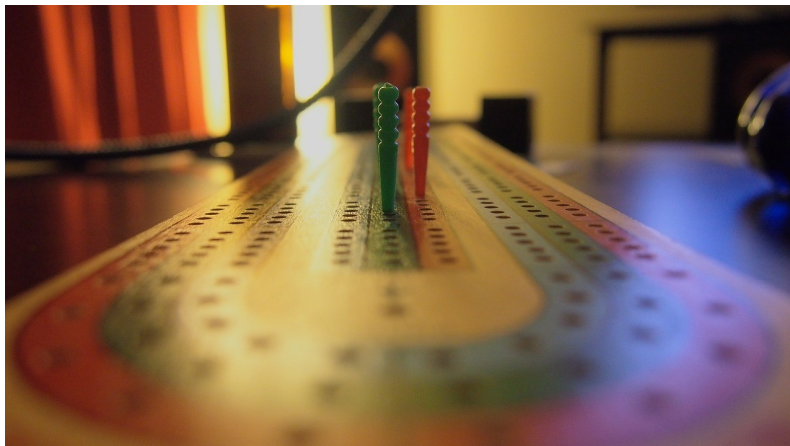
Easter Sunday, March 31

Worship at 10:00 am

Join us for Easter Breakfast prior to, and after the Easter Service

CRIBBAGE

We will be having a Cribbage playing event at Cedar on Friday, March 8th from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. There will be some cribbage boards and cards available, but feel free to bring your own. Come for the whole time or as long as you like. Light refreshments will be available. See you on the 8th!





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MISSIONS

Thank you all for your generous support for Simpson Shelter in January and Emma Norton residence in February. These are missions Cedar Church has supported for many years. March is Minnesota FoodShare month so our March Noisy Sunday collection on March 31 will be for NACE Food Shelf. It is estimated that 1 in 6 families in Minnesota are unable to afford enough food to meet their needs. As usual, we will continue to accept donations of food items in the cart in the entryway. Thank you again for your constant generosity.

We wish you all a blessed Easter season.
Sue and Junelle

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENTION:
Sunday School Kids! Be sure you get your parents here for Palm Sunday, March 24th! You students are all invited to be here a bit early to get your palm branches ready to wave during the service. Then be in front to serenade the congregation with..... JESUS LOVES ME

Tammy and Lorraine

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the VALENTINE LUNCH. With a special THANK YOU to all of those who provided food for the lunch. It was delicious. There was a great turn out and some fabulous food and flower give aways. Looking forward to an even better experience next year!
Tanna Tueffel

GRADUATES

We would like to recognize all our High school or College Graduates this May.
If you have a graduate, please contact the church office at cedarumc@gmail.com





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MEMORIAL



DID YOU KNOW.....

Our beautiful register board was donated by Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship group or SMYF. This was a group of senior high school students in our church. It has been with our church and our old church in Cedar for a very long time.

We cherish and respect every gift.
The Memorial Committee

LADIES LUNCHEON

JUST 2 MONTHS BEFORE OUR LADIES LUNCHEON: STARRY STARRY NIGHT/ PROM ACROSS THE DECADES will be here before we know it. Sign up sheets will be out soon and invitations going out to the other church ladies from Coon Rapids, Blaine, Anoka and Our Saviors Lutheran and Cedar. Save the date April 27th!

Caring & Sharing Ladies

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter is Sunday, March 31st—so of course there will be a sign up sheet for the brunch to watch for as we all celebrate a beautiful Sunday service with lots of good food before and after the service.





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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/3 Rich Powers
- 3/4 Audrey Patton
- 3/12 Elaina Tueffel
- 3/13 Kaitlyn Childers
- 3/14 Stuart Bernard
- 3/16 Marlene Palm
- John Sheffield
- 3/23 Billy Larson, Jr.
- 3/24 Meredith Stern



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The fellowship committee will have a garage/vendor sale on Friday, May 3rd, 9-6, and Saturday May 4th, 9-2. We are looking for vendors, charging \$10.00/table/day. Vendors will be outside, the garage sale will be inside and we will appreciate clean items, no holes or stains, no furniture, cash only and a free will offering with all proceeds from the garage sale and the money from the \$10.00/table going to the general fund. The last day to collect garage sale items is Sunday April 28th. We humbly ask for your help to set up on Thursday, May 2 and during the indoor/outdoor event. This should be a super event together.

Our progressive dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 13th at 4:30 with hopes of having more attending.

If you have questions, please contact Gail Loverud

EASTER FLOWERS

Please get your Easter Flower reservation in soon. Donate \$20 for a plant, then honor or memorialize a loved one, names will be added to the bulletin.

Easter is March 31st this year so time is getting close. Only 3 weeks to get requests in, to leave time to purchase these. Just put your order in Offering plate or to me, I can get it to the office for you.

Remember, we can't use live Lilies, due to allergies and take your plant home that day. Spring is in the air, already!

Thank you, Lorraine



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3. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School New Member Class following worship	4. <i>Audrey Patton B-Day</i>	5. 6:00 pm Fellowship Team Meeting	6. 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:00 pm Choir	7. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting		
10. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	11. 1:00 pm Social Media Team Meeting	12. 5:30 pm UWF <i>Elaina Tueffel B-Day</i>	13. 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service	14. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	15.	16. <i>Marlene Palm & John Sheffield B-Day</i>
17. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	18. 6:00 pm Trustee Meeting	19. 5:30 pm Caring & Sharing	20. 5:45 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service 7:00 m Choir	21. 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting	22.	23. <i>Billy Larson, Jr. B-</i>
24. Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school <i>Meredith Stern B-Day</i>	25.	26. 5:30 pm Caring & Sharing	27. 7:00 pm Choir	28. Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Worship	29. Good Friday 7:00 pm Worship	30.
31. Easter Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school Easter Breakfast following worship Noisy Sunday for NACE						