



# NEWS LETTER

APRIL 2026

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## NOMINATION LETTERS SENT

The letters to those invited to accept the nomination to elder have been sent out. Please be in prayer for those who received them, that God will lead them to the right answer, and give them confirmation that their answer is in His Will. The council wants to thank the congregation for sending in so many good recommendations.

Response to those letters is due on Sunday, May 10. A slate of those accepting the nominations will be voted on at our June congregational meeting. If there are more than two on that slate, we will draw by lot the two elders needed.

## FAITH LIFT SPRING EVENT



PRESENTS "WONDERFULLY MADE" on Saturday, May 16 at Cadillac CRC from 10-12 noon. This is for all Ladies, Middle and High School Girls . Don't miss the latest in Fun Fashions!! We are honored to also have Sue Tonello share a devotional. There will be a potluck brunch served, so if you are willing to bring food, please indicate on the sign-up sheet. Please RSVP by signing up near the Hospitality Center by May 10 . Contacts are Judy Porter, 616-581-8207 or Linda VanHouten, 231-920-1088.

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR MARK

As we continue seeking to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us, I'm excited to share an update on a new team forming within our church life. In late April, our newly formed Update Committee will meet for the first time, beginning the work of developing recommendations for modernizing the interior of our church building.

This committee has a specific and focused role. While our recently relaunched Building and Grounds Committee is tasked with maintaining and caring for our current facilities, the Update Committee will be looking ahead—considering how our interior spaces might be refreshed and improved to better serve worship, fellowship, discipleship, and ministry in the years to come. Their work will include gathering ideas, exploring possibilities, and obtaining any necessary quotes or estimates to help inform thoughtful next steps.

It is important to note that the Update Committee serves in an advisory capacity. They will not be making final decisions, but rather bringing well-researched recommendations forward through our normal process of discernment and accountability: from the committee, to the Leadership Team, to Council, and ultimately to the congregation for approval. In this way, we seek to move forward together with clarity, wisdom, and shared ownership.

Please continue to keep this team and this process in your prayers. Our desire is not simply to improve a building, but to steward a space that supports and strengthens the ministry God has called us to in this place. As always, we look forward to walking this road together as a church family!"

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## WATERSHED CHURCH

As a part of our oversight of Watershed Church and pastor Jared Yapple, council is sending church visitors to help them with some significant decisions. These visitors will meet with their council and their congregation at this pivotal moment. Council approved Pastor Mark and Suzanne Breithaupt to go.

## SPRING CLEAN UP

Come to the Spring Clean up! The Building and Grounds Committee has called for all able bodied and willing church folk to come help with grounds clean up on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am. Donuts will be provided to fortify those who attend! Come with gloves and a rake or whatever garden tool you find useful (or just come) to clear and spruce up our church grounds. Many hands make light work!

# “WE CELEBRATE, SHOW AND SHARE GOD’S TRANSFORMING GRACE.

## CADILLAC CRC NEWSLETTER

### ESTATE POLICY

Our finance team has been working to set up an estate policy that will clarify and simplify the process for those choosing to give to our church in their will. This will be presented to the congregation at our June congregational meeting. They have also been reviewing and updating other policy. Council would like to thank them for all the extra time and meetings they have put in for this. Good job!

### NEW WINDOWS

Leadership team, specifically Jim VanHouten was tasked with researching and presenting bids to replace the windows in our church. After reviewing different styles and bids, the Leadership team presented the council with the choice they felt was best. Council reviewed and approved the purchase of new windows for the church. This will now go to the congregation at our June meeting for approval.

### FAITH PROMISE

April marked an exciting beginning of Faith Promise month! We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and service of our Faith Promise missionaries for the coming year, who include the deVuysts in Europe, the Shaardas in Uganda, the Slacks in London, and the Whites in Germany. Please keep these missionary families in your prayers as they minister in their communities, and prayerfully consider how you might participate in their financial support over the coming year. Thanks to your remarkable generosity, our Faith Promise giving for last year totaled \$17,519.00, and our pledges for the coming year currently total \$3,370. Thank you for your continued support of our Faith Promise missionaries! Thank you to Pastor John Mondi for his message on Faith Promise Sunday. As he mentioned he will be going on the Uganda Mission field next year. If you want more information there is some in the welcome center.

### THE DEACON SPOT

The Benevolence Fund was established to provide financial assistance to individuals within our church family and the surrounding community during times of need. Requests for assistance can be submitted to the Deacons in writing or via email. The Deacon of the month reviews each request before submitting it to the board for a vote. To ensure accountability, financial assistance is never paid directly to individuals; instead, payments are made directly to service providers such as utilities, landlords, banking institutions, or local relief agencies like Love INC, Life Resources, and New Hope. Over the past few years, due to reduced attendance and other factors, contributions to the Benevolence Fund have fallen short of the growing needs in our community. Your prayerful consideration of this need would be gratefully appreciated. Donations can be made during the special offering on the 4th Sunday of every month, using church envelopes, by mailing a check to the church office with "Benevolence" on the memo line, or through EFT and online giving. Thank you for your generosity, from the Deacons of Cadillac Christian Reformed Church.

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MAY

- May 3: World Renew
- May 10: Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- May 17: New Hope Center
- May 24: Benevolence
- May 31: Healing Private Wounds



	MARCH, 2026			JULY, 2025 THROUGH MARCH, 2026		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
INCOME	\$17,215	\$24,151	(\$6,936)	\$207,997	\$217,357	(\$9,360)
EXPENSE	\$22,177	\$24,151	(\$1,974)	\$152,404	\$217,357	(\$64,953)
NET, ACTUAL	(\$4,962)		(\$4,962)	\$55,593		\$55,593