



CADILLAC CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWS LETTER

JULY 2026



CHURCH PICNIC JULY 12

We experienced wonderful weather at the picnic that took place on Sunday, July 12th. The event was filled with fun, fellowship, face painting, and great food. A great thank you for all who participated in the planning, setup and cleanup. A big THANK YOU to the Benthems for providing the tent.



BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS UPDATES

- Windows – Council is moving forward with finalizing the delivery and installation of sanctuary and fellowship room windows from Pella Windows.
- Mini-split air conditioner for church offices has been delivered and should be installed soon.
- Parking Lot Resurface – our church parking lots will receive a new coat of asphalt in the near future.
- Security Cameras – a couple exterior cameras for the southern side of church will be installed in the next few weeks.

PASTOR'S CORNER

As summer begins to wind down, backpacks will soon be packed, classrooms prepared, and another school year begun. As a church family, this is a wonderful opportunity to surround the students, teachers, staff, and parents in our congregation and community with prayer. Pray for students as they learn, grow, build friendships, and face new challenges; for teachers and staff as they invest patiently and faithfully in the children entrusted to their care; and for parents as they encourage, guide, and support their children through another year.

The beginning of the school year also means another season of Kids Hope is just around the corner. Through Kids Hope, we have the privilege of coming alongside students in our community through consistent, caring relationships. As that ministry begins again, please pray for the students and mentors who will be paired together, and for the relationships that will grow throughout the year. It is one tangible way we can demonstrate Christ's love by investing in the children and families of our community. And if you have an hour each week to invest in the life of a child, prayerfully consider becoming a Kids Hope mentor yourself!

Fall also brings renewed opportunities to invest in the life of our church. Right now, we are looking for someone to join the monthly rotation of catechism teachers, helping our young people grow in their knowledge of Scripture and the Reformed faith. Our Christian Arts team is looking for additional people willing to use their creativity and gifts in support of worship and ministry. We will also need additional leaders for our fall Engage groups as we gather in small groups to study the book of Ecclesiastes together. And if your gifts are more practical— or perhaps caffeinated! — our coffee prep team could use additional volunteers to join its rotation.

These opportunities may look very different from one another, but each is an opportunity to invest in others with the gifts, time, and abilities God has given us. As schedules fill and familiar routines return, I encourage you not only to ask, "What will I be doing this fall?" but also, "Where might God be calling me to serve?" Whether teaching our children, encouraging a student, leading a small group, contributing creatively, preparing coffee, or serving in one of the many other ministries of our church, each of us has a part to play as together we **celebrate**, **show**, and **share** God's transforming grace.

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NEW MEMBERS

Council has received and approved the request for a transfer of membership for Kirk, Angela and Cole Warner. A warm and sincere welcome to the Warners. Please take some time to extend a personal greeting to them. If you have been attending church regularly, please consider if God is calling you and leading you to become members. If so, please talk to Pastor Mark and/or any member of the congregation. We would love to get to know you better.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST

August 2: Love INC Paper Pantry
August 9: Stehouwer Free Clinic
August 16: New Hope Shelter
August 23: Benevolence
August 30: Crossroads Prison Bible Ministry



FINANCE UPDATE

- Council was provided a completed and revised Reserve Account Policies which provides guidance for identifying specific fund needs and how monies in these reserve accounts are to be handled. The revised policy was approved.
- Fiscal Year Surplus: Leadership team recommended and Council approved the division of the year-end surplus as follows:
Youth \$13,737.43, Benevolence \$10,105.44,
Faith Promise \$13,105.44 , CRC Denomination \$11,105.43

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DEACON’S CORNER

The Special Offering for August 9, 2026 is to the Stehouwer Free Clinic. Many of you know this health clinic was established in 2001 through the efforts of Dr. Ed Stehouwer, who, along with his wife Muriel, were foreign missionaries and members of Cadillac CRC.

Here are some facts and information about this wonderful mission program: the clinic is a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering free limited healthcare to those who cannot afford to see a physician, and who may not have health insurance. The clinic also offers a Medication Access Program for those who need prescriptions and cannot afford to pay for them.

The volunteer health care providers are committed to serving the uninsured. They work together with local physicians, pharmacies, and pharmaceutical companies to offer limited health care for free to their patients. Over the years several physicians from our congregation have donated their time to keep this clinic staffed. The clinic is located at 803 Lynn Street in Cadillac.

Your financial support for this Special Offering is greatly appreciated by the Deacons, Council, and staff of Cadillac CRC.

CCRC SHEPHERDING GROUPS AND COUNCIL-CORE VALUE RESPONSIBILITIES 2026-27

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