



CADILLAC CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

COOKIES OR BARS NEEDED

You have noticed that we no longer have Little Debbie treats available. We thank the VanderVelde family for bringing these in for many years. We need people to help bring cookies/bars in for Sunday fellowship time. If you are able and willing please let Athena know or sign up in the kitchen!



KIDS HOPE

Kids Hope Mentors Needed at Lincoln Elementary
Make a lasting difference in a child's life! Kids Hope is looking for caring mentors to spend just one hour a week with a student at Lincoln Elementary. No prior experience is required—just a heart to listen and support.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Dawn Boven at 231-250-0939.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Fall has a way of bringing structure back into our lives. School is underway, calendars fill up, weekly activities settle into place, and before long we find ourselves back in familiar routines. That makes this a good time to ask an important question: What place does intentional discipleship have in the routines I am building?

Growing as a follower of Jesus rarely happens by accident. God works in us by His Spirit, but He also calls us to place ourselves regularly where we can hear His Word, pray, learn, worship, encourage one another, and put our faith into practice. Sunday worship is central to that life together, but discipleship does not stop when the benediction is spoken. The rhythms we establish during the rest of the week can either create space for spiritual growth or slowly crowd it out.

One of the things I am grateful for at Cadillac CRC is the variety of opportunities we have to grow together. Our Engage groups are working through Ecclesiastes, Worship Matters is helping us think more deeply about worship, the Sermon Discussion Group provides a place to wrestle with how Sunday's message connects with everyday life, and other groups gather throughout the week for study, fellowship, and prayer. No one needs to participate in everything! But perhaps this fall is a good season to choose one intentional rhythm that will help you grow as a disciple of Jesus.

That rhythm may be joining a group, setting aside regular time for Scripture and prayer, inviting another Christian into a deeper spiritual friendship, or becoming more consistent in worship and fellowship. The particular practice may look different for each of us. What matters is that we do not simply leave our spiritual growth to chance. As our fall routines take shape, may we make room for the One who is continually shaping us—so that together we continue growing in Christ, encouraging one another, and becoming more faithful participants in His mission.

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

CLASSIS NORTHERN MICHIGAN AND KIMBEL FAMILY TRANSFER

On Tuesday, September 29th, Ron Klimp, Tony Tonello, and Ron Sneller traveled to Ellsworth, MI to attend the fall Northern Michigan Classis (regional governing body of the CRC denomination). Our Council recently received a request from the Kimbel family to transfer from the Lake City CRC to our church. Because Tim is a National Guard Chaplain (like our Pastor) this requires a transfer of his ministerial credentials as well. That process involves several steps beginning with an approval from Classis which was accomplished at the fall Classis meeting. We will proceed at our next Council meeting to approve calling Tim as a nonpaid Associate Pastor on loan to the Michigan National Guard. The final step will be to ask the congregation to affirm this call (to be scheduled soon). The family transfer will follow as a final step. Watch for further details

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

- Parking Lot Asphalt – You hopefully already notice the new look of the parking lot. The asphalt paving was completed in September and the parking lines have been painted on.
- Carpet Cleaning – a huge THANKS to Tony Tonello for cleaning the carpet in the fellowship room; it looks great.

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DEACON’S CORNER

- New Hope Ministries – For those who may not be aware, New Hope Shelter began in 1992. The current shelter is located just a block north of Cadillac CRC. Former Pastor Ken Nydam brought together individuals from the Cadillac community to address the issue of homelessness. Four area churches were the first to provide volunteers to staff the shelter, and Cadillac CRC was the first. Today New Hope Center houses men, women, and families. Operational costs continue to rise and two fundraisers are being planned in the near future.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The deacons would like to take this opportunity to remind you that October is Pastor Appreciation month. We once again are gathering small money donations from the congregation to purchase gift cards to send Pastor Mark and Alicia, for an overnight stay and meals. If you would like to donate, please place it in your offering envelope marked “Pastor Appreciation” by October 11. Our gift will be presented to them on October 18. Personal notes are also a nice way to bless them. Please remember, too, Ron Klimp and Ken Nydam retired pastors in our midst with a note of thanks and encouragement.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 4	New Hope
October 11	Life Resources of Cadillac
October 18	Friendship Bible Club
October 25	Benevolence



FINANCE UPDATE

	AUG, 2026			JULY 2026, THROUGH AUG, 2026		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
INCOME	\$52,269	\$24,524	\$27,745	\$72,076	\$49,047	\$23,029
EXPENSE	\$20,146	\$24,524	(\$4,378)	\$39,287	\$49,047	(\$9,760)
NET, ACTUAL	\$32,123		\$32,123	\$32,789		\$32,789