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Cedar Lake Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter



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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mike James
Executive Director

Spring is here & the staff are energized to welcome the children that will soon be attending summer camp !! We've experienced steady growth in our youth camp programs and recently expanded our youth program offerings to include a new sports / spiritually based program called Kicks-4-Christ. Hiring of summer counselors is well underway and we are still looking for a few young leaders for summer camp.

We are also recruiting for a service oriented individual in guest services to support external groups (primarily churches) that seek to plan their own retreats and enjoy the many offerings that CLM provides (lodging, meeting spaces, activities and excellent food). There is also an opening for a gifted individual to coordinate volunteers, support personnel functions and serve as a liaison with the resident community that live on these hallowed grounds. We are looking for a new RV Host and, as always, there are increased openings in the kitchen and housekeeping to serve our guests during peak season. If you know of someone that loves the Lord and would like to serve at CLM, please let them know that we are hiring.

During the winter, we continued to rebuild camp. The structural repairs and interior remodeling in Lakeview (historic bunkhouse from the 1880s) are almost complete and we will soon turn our attention back to the exterior to replace the siding, install new decks and make this bunkhouse new again. Special heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and individuals that donated labor & funds for supplies to make this dream a reality. Our Maintenance team is also working on securing labor to install a concrete floor in the new Pavilion prior to the start of summer camp.

Volunteerism has been a true blessing that cannot be overstated. In addition to helping to make the Lakeview restoration a reality, they've also refreshed the interior of the Hickory bunkhouse, completed numerous painting projects throughout camp and are actively working on the grounds as spring approaches.

Please continue to pray for this ministry as we strive to positively impact the lives of people.

LODGING UPDATES

Hickory

We were blessed to receive the donation of both time and tangible things to improve the appearance of Hickory. Volunteer Alice cleaned the carpet and dyed the blue edges to bring them back to their former glory. She also redid the meeting space to make it a cozy and welcoming place for our guests and campers to meet!

Lakeview

One of the most exciting projects currently underway is the restoration of Lakeview Lodge, one of the oldest buildings at Cedar Lake Ministries. Significant progress has already been made, including the installation of a brand-new roof and major repairs and repainting throughout the structure. Inside the lodge, work is nearing completion, bringing renewed life to this historic space while maintaining its original charm. The executive director was also spotted actively contributing to the project, helping with sheathing the exterior – an encouraging sign of hands-on leadership and shared commitment.



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TOP NEEDS

- Used Skid-steer
- New Signage - \$500
- Archery Targets - \$500
- Carpet Runners - \$560
- Acoustic Panels - \$600
- Mattress Covers - \$3,000
- Five-well Hot Line - \$5,000
- Four New PTAC Units - \$8,000
- Backup Generator for Kitchen - \$12,000

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Volunteer efforts are off to an amazing start this year! Suncrest Church of St. John has come alongside us to help spring clean the Dining Hall and other areas around camp. They also helped rebuild Rest-A-While ramp with a new structure, spindles, and lattice; and install new flooring in the men's restroom at Lakeview. They will be returning in mid-April to assemble 20 brand-new picnic tables for our guests to enjoy. Our friend Alice has played a major role in enhancing our meeting spaces, refreshing layouts with rearranged and new furniture, adding fresh decor, and carpet cleaning, generously contributing her time and resources. In addition, a new ministry partner has provided both materials and professional labor at no cost to support our Lakeview renovation, including drywall installation and painting. We're incredibly grateful for the generosity and support of our ministry partners and volunteers!



Volunteer!

Scan this QR Code or email our
Volunteer Coordinator at:
paige.c@cedarlakeministries.org



Program- Hunter (Program Manager)

The Lord continues to bless our Program team and the events they organize. So far we have hosted Winter Day Camp, two Base Camps, and our first ever Spring Man Camp. They all went incredibly well and the Lord moved in a mighty way! Now we're shifting our attention to Spring Ladies Retreats and Summer Camps! Summer Staff hiring is in full swing so please pray that God will build the team that He wants. Also, please continue praying for the Lord to move in our guests.



Maintenance- Tim (Maintenance Director)

At Cedar Lake Ministries, the maintenance team embraced an early snowfall that arrived before the last autumn leaves had fallen. We have resumed clearing leaves from pathways and gathering areas to keep spaces safe and welcoming, while also making improvements across the camp. Volunteers play a key role, with tasks assigned based on individual strengths to encourage both efficiency and meaningful engagement. We remain committed to excellence and purpose, supporting this ministry.

Housekeeping- Mercedes (Housekeeping Coordinator)

Spring has begun! We are pumped for the busy season and the Summer season coming up! We've gotten one new washer through the Winter season, and we will be getting two more this year. That will mark three fully operating washers! We are continually thankful for God's blessings and everyone's prayers over the Housekeeping department. With all of His blessings we ask for prayers for energy, lifted spirits, and upcoming potential Fall/Winter staff. May all the glory be to God!

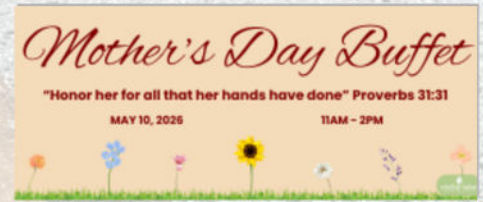
Kitchen- Ed (Food Service Director)

We have been busy welcoming new and former guests in our facility, including the Cedar Lake Police Department and the Cedar Lake Chamber of Commerce. We have several future events that we have been enthusiastically anticipating. We will always continue to serve and improve our guest's experience, while spreading the Lord's Word and allowing moments when He works through us to reach others. We have been actively searching for qualified, reliable volunteers and staff to assist in our upcoming busy summer season. We are looking for staff that enjoy serving others in the service of God's mission. Our food service staff keep our guests and ministry in our daily thoughts and prayers. We are thankful for all the opportunities we have been given to serve our Lord, our ministry and the community.

Guest Services- Dawn (Guest Services Manager)

Spring has sprung! Birds are singing and grass is looking greener. We've had 6 guest groups enjoy our facilities so far this year. We have another 58 confirmed from now until the end of the year. So many different events will be happening. We have women's retreats, men's retreats, youth retreats, marriage retreats, leadership retreats, a Pastors Conference from Michigan and 3 weddings planned so far. We are also welcoming back Life in Messiah. This group will have guests traveling all the way from Israel to stay at CLM. The group will be celebrating some individuals who have served the ministry for 50 years! We are gearing up for our busy season beginning in May. However, we have a full calendar right up through mid November. We love talking with all of our different church groups and ministries. It's been great to build relationships with so many returning guests. We work as a team in Guest Services and we work hard to offer our guests the best hospitality. To God be the Glory!

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRAISES & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord for the progress that we have made on Lakeview and around camp!
- Pray for our open positions to be filled with people who have a heart for the Lord and CLM
- Pray for the Lord's continued provision and protection as we serve.
- Pray that we will develop deeper relationships with new and returning donors and volunteers.
- Pray for opportunities to build strong partnerships with our local churches.
- Pray for the Lord to move mightily in our guests and staff throughout this upcoming summer.
- Please pray for people facing health trials



Registration is open for **all** 2026 programs! More information, including event details, dates, and pricing, is available on our website, www.cedarlakeministries.org.

MAKE AN IMPACT

As many of you know, it takes a lot to keep a ministry like ours going. We need partners to come alongside us, both financially and in prayer. Please prayerfully consider becoming a partner in our ministry. Our Make an Impact Partnership is a simple, secure, and hassle-free method that allows you to support the ministry and its life-changing work on a monthly basis — even \$10 a month makes a big difference. Your generosity directly influences hearts and lives, as campers and guests of all ages are enabled to encounter their Savior — a true Kingdom impact!

