

Summer 2026

# THE DOCK

Cedar Lake Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter



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It's hard to believe that summer camp will soon be ending and our summer counselors will be returning home in a little over one month.

What a remarkable season for youth camp! Last week, 10 children accepted the Lord's free offer of salvation. Teen Overnight camp will occur after our 250th Independence Day celebration, and we will have 100 young campers the following week!! A few spots remain open for our last two weeks of camp in July, and then summer camp ends for 2026. The Kicks for Christ youth program (spiritually based Taekwondo training) will remain open throughout the year.

Rebuilding of camp continues. The new 60x128' pavilion now has a concrete floor and lighted cross that beautifully pierces the darkness. The structural repairs and interior remodeling of the historic Lakeview bunkhouse have been completed, and we will soon focus on the exterior. Special heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and individuals that donated labor and funds for supplies to make these dreams a reality.

Our Mother's Day Buffet SOLD OUT, and word is spreading that the quality of food here is excellent. We anticipate high interest in our Christmas Gala where the Chef can show his talents.

A recent discussion with a band member from a local church was very promising. There appears to be interest in bringing bands together from various churches in our new pavilion to worship on the weekends. Can you imagine having a place to attend Christian worship events? If your church is interested in participating, please contact us.

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

## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mike James  
Executive Director

**"Before"  
Day Camp  
tent, 2024**



**"After"  
New pavilion,  
2026!**

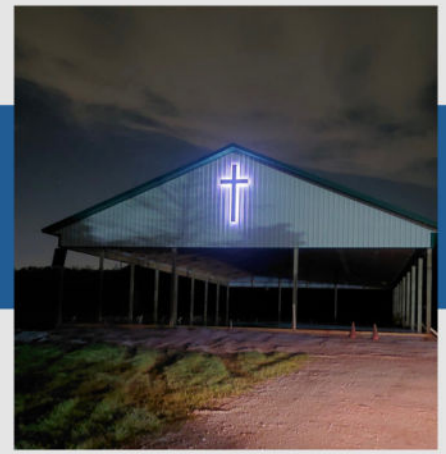


# GROUNDS UPDATES

## Pavilion

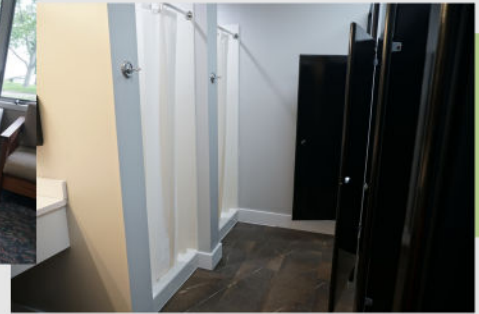
Our pavilion structure was completed at the end of summer last year, and we continue to add updates so it can best serve our campers and community. This will be the first year that we are able to use the pavilion for an entire summer of camps.

We are thrilled with the addition of the cross on the front of the pavilion, which serves as a reminder to all who pass by that Cedar Lake Ministries exists to give glory to God. The cross is backlit and can be seen day or night. We also had the addition of a concrete floor that we've already been able to enjoy for our day camps. Some extra concrete was left over after we poured for the pavilion, so we were able to add a bonus spot by dumpsters for our residents to make dumpster access easier.



## Lakeview

The interior of Lakeview Lodge has been completed! We're continuing exterior work on the restoration of Lakeview, one of the oldest buildings at Cedar Lake Ministries.



# VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Volunteers have been hard at work on the grounds. We've had groups vacuum and carpet clean Oaks Dining Hall; build our new picnic tables, fire pit benches for Field C, and the cross on the pavilion; and help set up for our Mother's Day Buffet. We've also had continued help on Lakeview and Cottage 1.



We had a great turnout for our two Ladies Retreat weekends in the spring, with Tracy DeGraaf speaking on suffering and gratitude and making our sides split with laughter, and an unexpected time of fellowship in the Cedars' basement during a tornado warning.

Our annual Mother's Day Buffet sold out! We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Dining Hall to serve them an incredible meal put together by Chef Ed and his team.



## Volunteer!

Scan this QR Code or email us at [info@cedarlakeministries.org](mailto:info@cedarlakeministries.org)



## TOP NEEDS

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| 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 |                               |

## **Program- Hunter (Program Manager)**

It's officially camp season! Our Program team has already completed the first two weeks of Day Camp and Elementary Overnight, and we're about to start Teen Overnight. The first weeks went great despite severe weather making things challenging. God has truly blessed us with an incredible team this year! They have connected really well together and with our campers. It has been a true joy to watch them lead our campers and grow as a team. Please pray for protection and wisdom for our team as they handle situations throughout the summer.

## **Maintenance- Tim (Maintenance Director)**

Greetings! We are happy to see the grand pavilion, with a newly poured concrete floor, full of children during day camp. A big thanks to resident Justin Bosveld and his crew, as well as Joel Smits and his crew. All together, 13 men worked the 125 yards of concrete on May 9th.

Lakeview improvements continue. Interior improvements are complete, and guests can enjoy a great stay. Suncrest Church has volunteered to prepare the north wall for new siding and installed a new entry door. Next steps are ground water and roof drainage, then siding and gutters. The finishing touch will be a deck on the east, with a great LAKE VIEW!

Team "Rehab", has been in Cottage 1 every Saturday, working to make it a great home once again. "Rehab" is a team of three to four men who once worked with Habitat for Humanity and now want to give their time to CLM. They are led by Jill Jennings from Suncrest Church. Please continue to pray that God sends us the help we are in need of.

## **Housekeeping- Mercedes (Housekeeping Coordinator)**

Summer is finally here! Thank you so much to everyone for praying over hiring at Cedar Lake Ministries. I am happy to say that God has filled the Housekeeping department! We also acquired two more new washers throughout the springtime. This is a huge blessing to us. As we go through the summer season, we ask for your prayers to be over Housekeeping and that we can work well for His glory, as well as continued prayers as hiring opens up for August–November. May all the glory be to God!

## **Kitchen- Ed (Food Service Director)**

We have been preparing for the busy summer season. We have new faces on the team, as well as have some returning staff members. Each have a love of Jesus to serve. The kitchen staff is excited to see the kid camps and the past/new weekend guests. It has been great to see the camp staff join us for lunch. Chef Ed has been working on new recipes and meals for the summer guests and employees, such as monkey cookies and potato and fish cakes. Anyone is welcome who wants to volunteer to help us in the kitchen and sharing Christ's love. 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)**

We are so excited for our summer season! We have at least 38 groups coming over the next three months. Eight of those groups will be staying with us for three or more nights. What an opportunity we have to serve these guest groups! We thank the Lord for continuing to bring the people. We are so excited to be welcoming the Life in Messiah Staff Conference here in August. They are expecting 120 guests from nine different countries and four different continents. Please join us in praying for their safe travels. We look forward to hosting this special group August 2nd–7th.

We are praying that our staff embraces servant's hearts to meet the needs of our guests so that they feel seen and loved. We pray that those who don't yet know their Savior will meet Him here on these grounds and begin an amazing relationship. Our guest groups will be kayaking, zipping, and walking through God's creation and will leave here refreshed, renewed, and ready to serve others all for His glory.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## PRAISES & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord for the progress that we have made on the pavilion, Lakeview, and around camp!
- Praise for our open positions that have been 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 the summer.

### Day Camps



Now through July 31st

### Overnight Camp



Teen - July 5th-10th

### Fall Man Camp



September 11th-13th

### Fall Ladies Retreat



October 9th-11th

Registration is open for 2026 programs! More information — including event details, dates, and pricing — is available on our website, [www.cedarlakeministries.org](http://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!

