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**150th Anniversary Celebration
June 7-9, 2024**

**Long Lake Bible Camp
Richmond, NM**

Featured Speakers

Russ Magaw Seth Ross Scott Ross

**Friday Evening Welcome Supper
Children's Activities
Saturday Evening Barbeque**

**Sharing Stories from the Past
Afternoon Lawn Games
Music through the Decades**

**Church History Displays
Anniversary Cake Party
Festive Fellowship**

Please join us!

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MN Church of God Conference Giving Campaign



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150 GIVE \$150 for the 150TH!

**150 Families or Individuals Each Give
\$150 Dollars.**

150th Anniversary is honored.

**2024 Goal --\$22,500
for Minnesota Church of God Conference**

Funds will be used to spread the gospel message, maintain Long Lake Bible Camp, and supplement the anniversary celebration.

Campaign supporters will be recognized as Gold Doners and acknowledged in the Minnesota Messenger newsletter.

Donations can be mailed to Conference treasurer Dan Karl, at 19199 61st Avenue Buffalo Lake, MN 55314. Put 150th Giving Campaign on the check memo line.

Online donations can be made at <https://mncogconference.org/giving>

Under step 4, Additional information choose 150 Giving Campaign

Who will rise to the challenge?

Rooted

Matthew 13:23



Minnesota State Camp

June 9-13

As we celebrate the deep roots of faith in the Minnesota State Conference this year, it seems appropriate that we also look to the future by establishing strong, healthy roots in our children. The theme for this year's State Camp is "Rooted." Our main text and inspiration will be the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13), and what it means to be rooted in Jesus and the Word of God.

We are currently looking for any volunteers who are excited to be a part of this youth ministry. Whether for the whole week, just a day, or even for a few hours, we would love to have you.

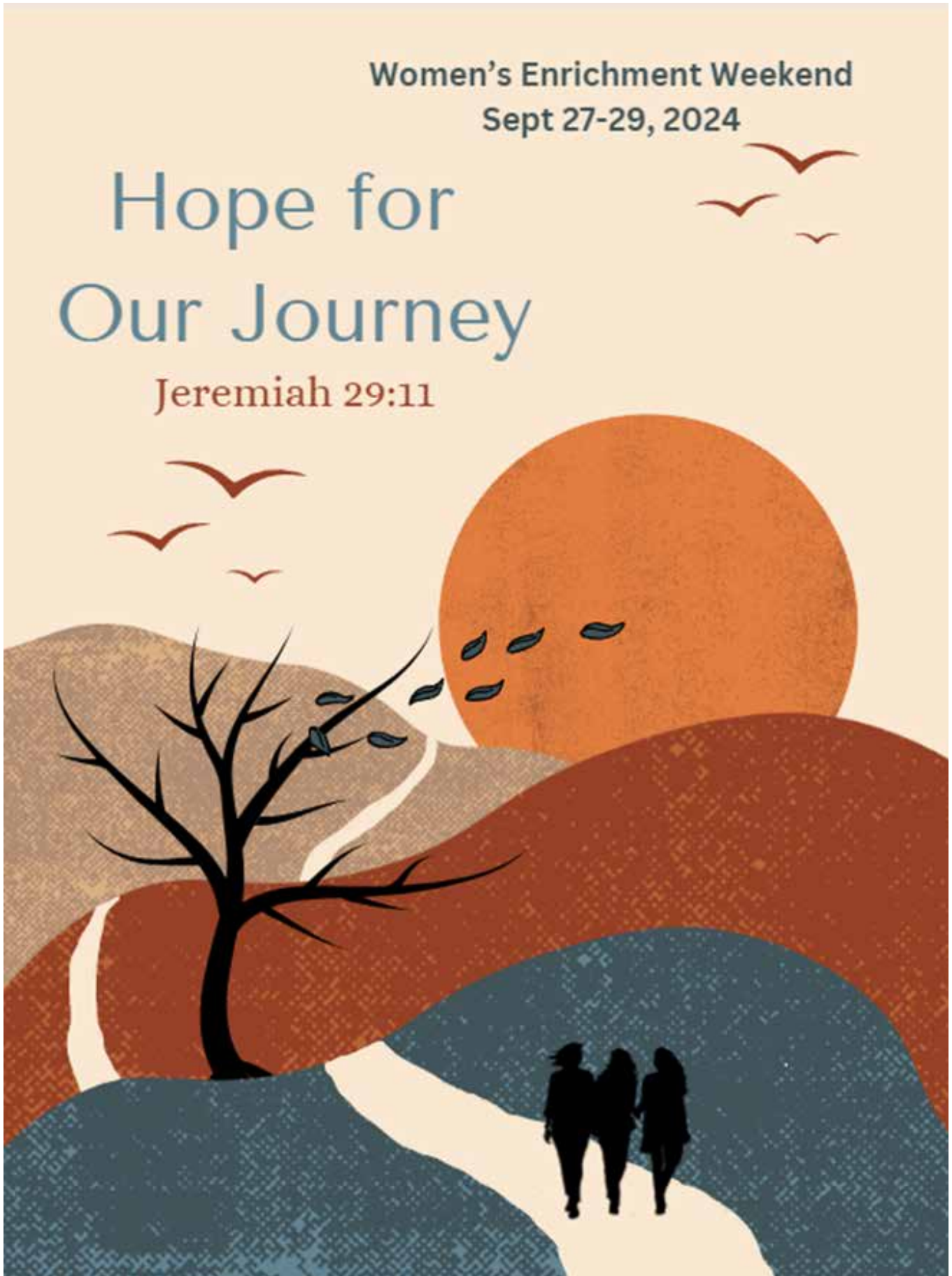
Currently looking for: Teachers, Speakers, Counselors, Food Staff, Band Members, and Helpers of all kinds.

If interested please contact Jeremy Kirkpatrick at jeremy.l.kirkpatrick@gmail.com

Women's Enrichment Weekend
Sept 27-29, 2024

Hope for Our Journey

Jeremiah 29:11



Minnesota Missionary Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Missionary Society will be held at the Pine Grove Bible Church, Brooklyn Park, on Sunday, March 3rd at 2:00 pm. President Sarah Johnson will be sharing a presentation on our Church of God mission fields. The business meeting will follow; a president and secretary will be elected during this meeting.

Current officers are Sarah Johnson, president; Amanda Forcier, vice president; Amanda Forcier, secretary; Carolyn Smead, treasurer.

We encourage you to attend this informative and important meeting as the Minnesota Missionary Society continues its support of mission areas throughout the world, proclaiming the message of the coming Kingdom of God. Your prayers and interest are vital to its work.

Members of Churches of God in the Minnesota Church of God Conference, are also members of the Minnesota Missionary Society. Your ideas and involvement are needed. We hope to see you there!

Refreshments will be served.

Minnesota State Conference Board Meeting January 14, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Vivian Kirkpatrick II and opened in prayer by Carolyn Smead.

Secretaries report was read by Dana Varner. Motion to accept as read made by Sarah Johnson and seconded by Amanda Forcier.

Treasurer report: Printed report was given out by Linda Sandifer due to absence of Treasurer. There was some discussion on the cost of insurance coverage for the camp. Other insurance agents to be contacted for cost comparisons. Motion to accept made as given by Amanda Forcier and seconded by Linda Sandifer.

150th Anniversary report given by Paula Kirkpatrick. The planning committee has met and preliminary plans have been started. "Roots of Revival" will be the theme. The speakers will be Seth Ross, Scott Ross, and Russ Magaw.

There are hotel rooms that have been blocked out in Cold Spring.

The hash tag for the celebration is #MNCOG150

A notice in the Progress Journal will be placed, as well as social media, to make others aware of the celebration, as well as announcements in the MN Churches.

Letters to former Pastors and past Presidents will be sent.

Old Business

Fire suppression is still to be done at the camp.

Two positions remain open. Youth Director and Sunday School Director.

Jeff Moore will be writing up a job description for the Youth Director position.

The plans for the construction Dining Hall to be reviewed at a later date.

The plaque for the Memorial tree for Sydney Kirkpatrick has been ordered.

New Business

We are still in need of a speaker for the Fall Conference. We are considering former Pastors.

the Tech Committee. Currently, everything is being done by Bradley Johnson.

This will be put in the State Newsletter to ascertain peoples willingness to be trained on the sound board.

There was also discussion that the Church in charge of each service be responsible for the sound board.

Long Lake Bible Camp

Reservation Form

All groups applying for the use of the campground must send their reservation fee and a reservation form to the caretaker no later than May 1. The reservation fee is based on the largest number of daily campers in your group even if they do not spend the night.

Groups of 10 or less.....	\$100.00 per day
Groups of 11-20.....	\$200.00 per day
Groups of 21-30.....	\$300.00 per day
Groups of 31-40.....	\$400.00 per day
Groups of 41-50.....	\$500.00 per day
Groups of 51-60.....	\$600.00 per day
Group of more than 60.....	\$700.00 per day

A damage deposit (\$100.00 for groups up to 25 and \$250.00 for groups of 26 and above) will be required at the beginning of your stay. Your deposit will be returned at the end of your stay. Any donations in addition to these fees will be very much appreciated. All registration fees and donations are used for the continual maintenance and improvement of the campground.

The applicant must meet with the caretaker for a walkthrough inspection upon arrival and before departure. The "Campground Cleaning List" will be used as a guideline for these walkthroughs. Damages found after your group's use of the campground will be noted and will help to determine the amount of the deposit to be refunded.

We appreciate your help as we continue the day-to-day operation of this facility so as to provide a pleasant experience for all involved.

Dates for Use _____ to _____

Number in Group _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone # _____

Work or Other # _____

E-Mail _____

Minnesota COG Conference Tech Committee Needed

Bradley Johnson, from the Pine Grove Bible Church, serves as the audio/visual director for Long Lake Bible Camp.

He and the state conference board are requesting one representative from each church to serve on a camp audio/visual committee, and to be trained in using the audio/visual equipment in the Chapel. Church representatives would then be present and in charge of equipment use when their church is responsible for a Chapel service or activity.

Churches, please appoint an appropriate and willing person from your church to serve on the camp audio/visual committee, and send their names and contact information to Bradley Johnson at p.bradleyjohnson@gmail.com or text or call him at 763-447-0107.

MN Church of God Conference Officers

President: Vivian E. Kirkpatrick II

Vice-President: Monte Sandifer

Secretary: Dana Varner

Treasurer: Dan Karl

Remember to check out the MN Church of God Conference website. There is so much available there, including the online Systematic Bible Study course. <https://mncogconference.org/> Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and like us on Facebook, or follow us on X. We are also on LinkedIn and YouTube. You can contact the MN Church of God Conference at mchurchofgod@gmail.com.

If you would like to support the MN Conference, you can give online here. <https://mncogconference.org/giving> Also, donations can be sent to the treasurer, Dan Karl. Mail checks to Dan Karl, 19199 651st Avenue, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314.