

Generation to Generation

Since 1961, when those first faithful people had an inspired vision for a Bible camp in Eastern Iowa, God has been active at Ewalu. **After more than 60 years as the hub of camp activity, Cedar Lodge needs some loving care so Ewalu can continue to minister to all God's people, regardless of their age and abilities.**

Jesus tells us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Your financial gift for the renewal of Cedar Lodge and your prayers for Ewalu's ministry are needed as we revitalize Ewalu to welcome all who come to camp, for generations to come!

Moving Forward Faithfully

In early 2025, the "Cedar at 60" campaign reached its \$2 million goal! Construction costs, however, have risen dramatically since the start of our campaign. After final design and bidding in August 2025, **we now face a \$1.4 million shortfall to complete the full scope of renovation.** The board is committed to starting construction so Cedar is ready for summer 2026, and is now launching a second phase of the campaign to cover the shortfall.

Will YOU help Ewalu close the gap on this project?

Contact Pastor Frank Johnson, Ewalu executive director, with any questions about giving options by calling 563-933-4700 or by emailing Frank@ewalu.org.

"What an amazing time for Ewalu! These much-needed updates to Cedar Lodge will help us live more fully into our mission to connect the Word of God with the world of God. Come, be involved in what God is doing next at Ewalu!"



— Pastor Frank Johnson,
Ewalu Executive Director

The Time Has Come...

Now, more than ever, accessible and adequate facilities have an impact on who can experience camp and how we can serve them. Today, Cedar Lodge, the beloved icon at the center of Ewalu, struggles to provide the hospitable welcome we want to share.



With Your Help

Cedar Lodge will be able to provide:

- ▶ ADA-Accessible Bathrooms, Main Level
- ▶ Remodeled Bathrooms & Showers, Lower Level
- ▶ Air Conditioning & New HVAC
- ▶ Replacing All Electrical & Plumbing
- ▶ Technology Upgrades
- ▶ Covered Main Entrance
- ▶ Expanded & Updated Kitchen
- ▶ New Pack-Out Room
- ▶ Redesigned Dining Hall
- ▶ Remodeled Break Room for Summer Staff
- ▶ Solar Energy Collectors
- ▶ New Laundry Facilities
- ▶ Modular Room Dividers
- ▶ Increased Storage



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Camp Ewalu is a year-round ministry that primarily serves over 200 ELCA congregations in Eastern Iowa.

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See details about the project, make a gift online, and follow our progress at www.ewalu.org/cedar-lodge-project



A campaign to renovate Cedar Lodge
& strengthen Ewalu's mission





Current photo

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“Over the years, Cedar Lodge has provided a welcome space for all kinds of camp activities, but the well-used building is in dire need of an upgrade. After spending many an hour repairing the decades-old plumbing, heating, lighting, insulation, kitchen appliances, and exterior effects, the plans to renovate it are very exciting. **The time has come to give this gem of Ewalu a facelift and bring it into the 21st century.**”

A portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair and glasses. He is smiling and wearing a brown jacket over a dark shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor scene with trees.

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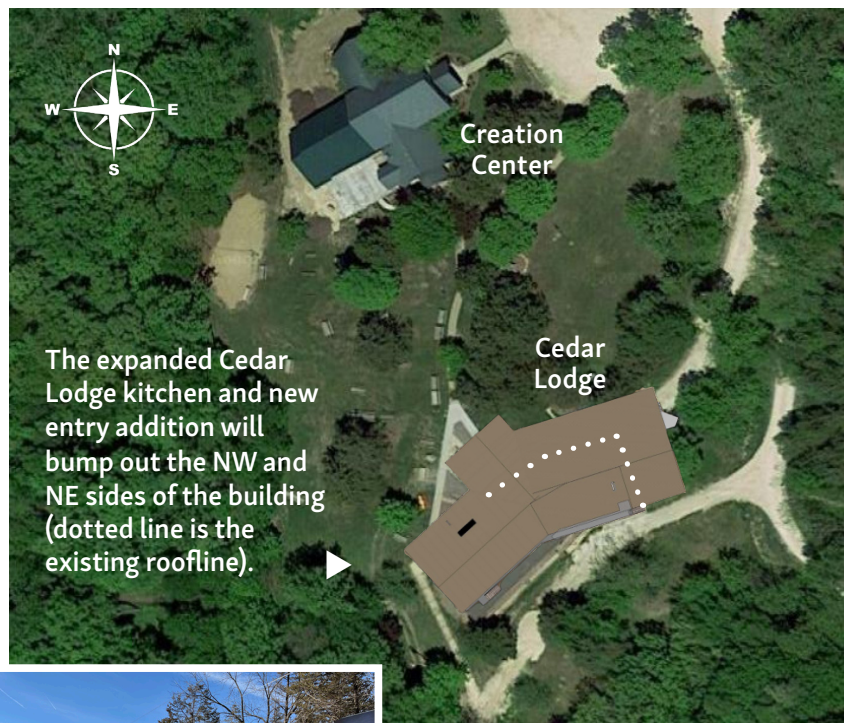
CEDAR at 60

"For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations." *Psalm 100:5*

Architect's rendering of updated exterior

The dining hall layout and serving area will be streamlined to serve and seat more people comfortably. An updated and expanded kitchen will greatly enhance the dining experience.

As seen on the plans, a remodeled break room on the lower level and a screened-in porch on the main level will help Ewalu's summer staff rest and rejuvenate.



The expanded Cedar Lodge kitchen and new entry addition will bump out the NW and NE sides of the building (dotted line is the existing roofline).



◀ A solar array was installed near Cedar Lodge in 2024 and has helped save on utility bills for over a year already!

Learn more, see the building plans, and make a gift online:
www.Ewalu.org/Cedar-Lodge-Project

