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Make Your Mark 2026 Washington D.C Youth Tour

Every generation leaves behind a legacy, footprints that shapes our future. The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is your chance to do the same. For over 60 years, electric cooperatives have sent high school students to Washington, D.C., to discover their voice, step into history, and begin writing the story only they can tell.

This once-in-a-lifetime experience isn't about seeing the nation's capital. It's about preparing students to lead, to grow, and to make their mark on the world.

What's in it for students?

Delegates from Minnesota will join more than 1,800 students from across the country in Washington, D.C., June 15-20 2026. During the trip, students will:

- Develop leadership skills through hands-on experiences and workshops.
- Strengthen their resumes with a nationally recognized program that stands out to colleges and employers.

- Connect with peers from 44 states, building friendships that last long after the trip.
- Meet with elected officials and learn how government impacts their communities.
- Experience history up close by visiting world-class museums and monuments.
- Learn about cooperatives and how they support rural communities across America.

The best part is all expenses, travel, lodging, meals, and program costs are covered by Cooperative Light & Power (CLP). The program is coordinated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Don't Let This Opportunity Pass By

Applications for Youth Tour will be open on February 17, 2026. If you know a high school student who is ready to grow as a leader and take the next step in their journey, encourage them to apply

today. To be considered, students must submit an application and be either a sophomore or a junior. The CLP Board of Directors will review all applications to select a winner and an alternate.

For more details, contact Adam at the CLP office at (218) 834-2226 or email him at ariggle@clpower.com. You can also visit our website at clpower.com or check out our social media channels. For a direct link to the application, scan the QR code below.

This is more than a trip; it's a chance to leave your mark. Member number seven hundred sixty two thousand seven hundred seventy two.



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To view the CLP Board Meeting Minutes please go to:

<http://clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes>



Operation Round Up Totals

November Donations: \$1,666.52

Year-to-date Donations: \$17,916.31

Thank you to all the participants! If you have questions about Operation Round Up, or would like to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit our website at www.clpower.com.

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A Year of Transformations and New Beginnings

CEO Carey Hogenson



As the new year begins, bringing with it renewed hope and optimism, I find myself reflecting on and celebrating all that 2025 brought

to Cooperative Light & Power (CLP). It was truly a transformative year, marked by meaningful progress, growth, and accomplishments that strengthened our organization and the communities we serve.

Welcoming three new employees to our CLP team in 2025, has brought fresh energy and new opportunities for learning across our organization. Adam Riggle and Kadie Higgs joined our Member Services team, while Stephanie Palmer came on board as our Forester/GIS Technician. Each brings unique strengths to CLP, and all three are already making positive impacts within the organization and among our membership. We are thrilled to welcome them to the CLP family!

Following the resignation of former CEO Joel Janorschke, CLP welcomed new leadership, and I am truly honored and humbled to have been appointed by

the CLP Board of Directors as full-time CEO in September. I would be remiss if I didn't share a few things for which I am deeply grateful: the confidence the Board placed in me, the unwavering support and dedication of our exceptional managers and staff, and the many kind words and encouragement from our members and community throughout 2025.

Early in 2025, with the goal of better serving our membership, the CLP team began preparing for a major software conversion. That preparation progressed into training, followed by conversion, and ultimately the implementation of our new software system, National Information Solutions Cooperative, Inc. (NISC). As we continue refining internal processes, our focus remains on supporting our members as they transition to the new member portal, SmartHub. We are confident this change represents a significant step forward for both CLP and the members we serve. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support throughout this transition as CLP works to become more transparent and better equipped to educate and serve our membership. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the

Year-to-date Financials

	<u>Oct-25</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Operating Revenue		\$ 9,542,434	\$ 12,514,024	\$ 13,280,935
Cost of Purchased Power		\$ 5,695,052	\$ 6,418,847	\$ 6,830,841
Other Operating Expenses		\$ 3,699,093	\$ 5,583,259	\$ 5,477,429
Total Cost of Electric Service		\$ 9,394,145	\$ 12,002,106	\$ 12,308,270
Operating Margin (Loss)		\$ 148,289	\$ 511,918	\$ 972,664
Interest Income		\$ 80,913	\$ 65,267	\$ 75,625
Other Margins		\$ (71,707)	\$ (14,665)	\$ (2,208)
Capital Credits		\$ 32,190	\$ 41,707	\$ 14,627
Total Margins		\$ 189,685	\$ 604,227	\$ 1,060,709
kWh Purchased		83,720,703	79,896,729	83,007,337
kWh Sold		79,119,933	76,633,307	80,086,960
Line Loss		5.50%	4.08%	3.52%
Members Billed		6,030	6,516	6,555
Average kWh Used, Residential		991	923	922
Average Bill, Residential		\$ 123.59	\$ 153.68	\$ 152.87
Average Cost/kWh, Residential		\$ 0.1247	\$ 0.1665	\$ 0.1658
Interest Expense		\$ 332,047	\$ 310,616	\$ 376,476

dedicated CLP team for their commitment, perseverance, and hard work during this important transformation.

When you visit CLP, you'll notice our recently remodeled and upgraded facilities, designed with safety and our members' needs in mind. This project, which began in 2025, is now nearing completion. We've enjoyed a fantastic partnership with Gardner Builders throughout the process and look forward to continuing our collaboration in the future. We invite you to come and experience the updates and improvements for yourself!

Lastly, I want to once again express my heartfelt thanks to our exceptional team at CLP. Throughout the year, we stayed committed to day-to-day operations, embraced new challenges, and navigated the unpredictable forces of nature—all while keeping our focus on reliability, affordability, system improvements, and supporting the communities and townships we are proud to call home. Member number seven hundred twenty-five thousand nine hundred twenty-two. As we look ahead to 2026, thank you for your trust and partnership. It is truly a privilege to serve a region filled with strong communities, dedicated families, and thriving businesses. On behalf of myself and everyone at CLP, we wish you a Happy New Year and hope 2026 brings joy, success, and prosperity to you and your loved ones!



Cooperative Principle #7 - Concern for Community

Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership. Co-op Light & Power (CLP) takes pride in serving our members and strengthening our community all year long.

This holiday season, CLP proudly partnered with the Salvation Army to host our annual CLP Toy Drive and organize the Red Kettle Bell Ringing campaign.



2025 Toy Drive

For the past 22 years, our community has come together through the CLP Toy Drive to support families in need across Lake County. This year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to assist 144 children whose families applied for help.

Thank you to everyone who donated toys, wish list items, and monetary contributions. Your support truly made a difference for local families during the holiday season.

A special thank you to Hugo's Bar and the Split Rox band for their continued support. During their annual holiday party, they collected both toys and cash donations, raising over \$2,000 in monetary gifts in addition to a wonderful collection of toys for the CLP Toy Drive. Your commitment to our community is greatly appreciated.

Red Kettle Bell Ringing

CLP helped organize and facilitate the Red Kettle Bell Ringing event at Super One in Two Harbors. Community members, local groups, and organizations generously volunteered to

ring the bell and collect donations. All funds raised remain local and directly support programs and services that benefit our community. Member number six hundred thirty seven thousand seven hundred seventy eight.



Operation Round Up (ORU)

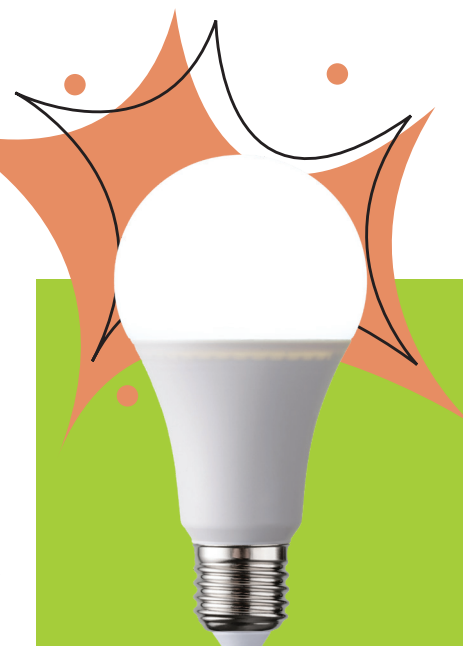
Another way CLP gives back is through our Operation Round Up (ORU) program. This voluntary program rounds your monthly electric bill up to the nearest dollar, costing participating members an average of less than \$10 per year.

ORU funds support local nonprofits in our community that apply for assistance. The program is overseen by the Community Trust Board of Directors, separate from the CLP Board of Directors.

In 2025 alone, participating members donated more than \$16,000, helping local nonprofits fund programs, make improvements, and provide vital care to those in our community. If you're not already participating and would like to enroll, you can check the enrollment box on your statement.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Winter weather can cause your home heating system to work overtime. Check for air leaks and drafts around doors and windows, then seal them with weatherstripping or caulk. Close fireplace dampers when not in use, and consider installing insulating curtains to help keep warm air inside. You can also save energy by lowering your thermostat a few degrees. Even small adjustments like these can reduce heating costs and improve comfort during the coldest months.



District #1 Director Petition Submission

Pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Cooperative Light & Power's Bylaws, Members from District 1 who are interested in being elected to Cooperative Light & Power's board of directors must submit a petition to the Cooperative on or before **January 18, 2026** which is 90 days before April 18, 2026, which is the date of the Annual Meeting.

The petition must be signed by at least 15 Members who have voting rights in District 1. The petition will be available on our website and at our office. Please make sure to get your petition in advance of the deadline in case there are signatures on the petition that are not valid.

A Member may not sign more than one petition except in the case of a joint membership and in that case, both joint members may sign a petition. Completed petitions can be emailed to: careyh@clpower.com or dropped off at the Cooperative's office located at 1554 Highway 2, Two Harbors, MN 55616.



Stop by the CLP office to pick up your **FREE** 2026 Calendar!

The calendars feature beautiful photos from our amazingly talented local photographers, as well as energy-saving tips.

State Law for Active Duty Military

State law offers active military personnel additional payment options for their electric bills. The law covers disconnection, payment arrangements, appeal and annual notice to cooperative members.

Similar to the state's Cold Weather Rule, an application must be completed and income guidelines exist. It's available for active duty military personnel, deployed or permanent duty station change. Member number six hundred seventy three thousand seven hundred twenty seven.

Love Seeing These Recipes?

Do you enjoy the tasty recipes featured in our newsletter? We'd love to see your favorites! Share your delicious recipes with fellow members and get featured in an upcoming issue.

As a thank you, you'll receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill! Mail in or drop off your recipes at our office.

Recipe: Beef or Chicken Pot Pie

From the Kitchen of: Jeff Heinzen

Ingredients:

- 1 - 9.5" pie pan glass works best
- 2 - Pillsbury pie crusts
- 1 small onion
- 1.5 lbs. of stew meat or two boneless chicken breasts, cut into small pieces
- 1 - 18oz. jar of Heinz gravy, beef or chicken
- 1 - 10-15oz. bag of frozen mixed vegetables

Instructions

1. In a pan, brown the stew meat or chicken and onion, then drain the fat
2. Add gravy & mixed vegetables and simmer
3. Spray 9.5 pan with Pam cooking spray
4. Add the bottom pie crust
5. Pour in the meat & gravy mixture, then add the top crust
6. Fold the edge of the crust over the top of the bottom crust
7. Cut six 1" slits in the top crust
Bake at 300 degrees for 45-60 minutes



Dates to Know...

Jan 19: Martin Luther King Day
CLP Office Closed

Jan 21: CLP Board Meeting

Jan 26 : CLP Bills Due

Feb 16: President's Day.
CLP Office Closed

NOTE: CLP dates *subject to change*

To Report An Outage:

Call CLP at 834.2226 or 800.580.5881 during business hours or 800.927.5550 after hours.

BEFORE calling, please check your breakers. If an outage is found to be on your side of the meter, you will be billed for a service call.

Spot Your Number:

A \$20 electric credit is awarded each month to our faithful readers. Four account numbers are spelled out in each newsletter. If you find yours, notify CLP by the 25th of that month and a credit will be applied to your bill.

Credits claimed for November:

None

Credits not claimed: Jody Reineccius, Gary L. or Bonnie Phipps, Luke Jacobsen, Benjamin Swanson

Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166 or 811
it's the law!

Call 800.252.1166 to locate underground wires. You must call at least 48-hours in advance before any excavations (this notice does not include weekends, holidays or emergencies). CLP will only locate the underground wires that are owned by CLP, we do not locate or take responsibility for locating wires beyond the meter location.

