

Capture the Beauty of CLP Country

Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is now accepting photo submissions for the 2027 CLP calendar. Member number six hundred fifty eight thousand three hundred sixty two. The submission deadline is October 5, 2026, and entries can be emailed to ariggle@clpower.com. We look forward to seeing your work and showcasing the talent of our members.

This calendar highlights the photography skills of CLP members and features images captured within our service territory.

Photo requirements:

- High-resolution digital images (minimum 3300 x 2550 pixels, 300 dpi)
- Horizontal/landscape orientation only (vertical images cannot be accepted)
- Scenic landscapes and wildlife preferred; no people in photos
- Must be taken within CLP's service territory
- Must be submitted by the original photographer



Cover Photo Edward Lee

When submitting, please include:

- Photo location
- Your full name (for proper credit)
- Your CLP account information for identification and attribution

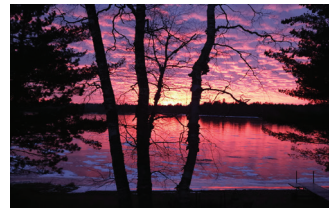
We appreciate your participation and look forward to featuring your photography in the 2027 CLP calendar.



January: Kim Kittilson



February: Edward Lee



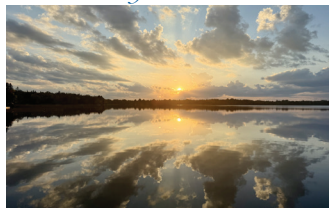
March: Colleen Holbeck



April: Roxanne Distad



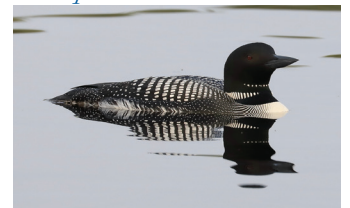
May: David Glaser



June: Christina Cavallin



July: David Estrada



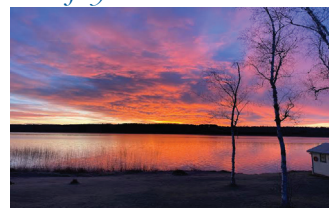
August: Sue Bussa



September: Melissa Lucas



October: Jacob Hall



November: Wayne Ellingsen



December: Mark Carey



Roger Peterson
CLP Board President

A Message from the Board President

At Cooperative Light & Power, our Board of Directors is made up of members just like you. Elected by the membership, the Board is responsible for providing governance, establishing policies, and guiding the cooperative's long-term direction. Our role is to ensure CLP remains financially strong, responsive to our members, and focused on providing safe, reliable electric service while upholding the cooperative principles that have guided us for nearly 90 years.

While the Board provides oversight and sets the strategic direction for the cooperative, we entrust the day to day operations to our CEO and leadership team. This clear separation of responsibilities allows the Board to focus on governance and the long term success of the cooperative while empowering our employees to deliver the exceptional service our members expect each day.

One of the things that makes a cooperative unique is that it is owned by the members it serves. Member number seven hundred fifty-five thousand three hundred thirty-seven. That means your voice matters, and hearing directly from our members is one of the most important parts of serving on the Board.

This fall, we invite you to join us for Coffee with the Co-op, a casual opportunity to connect with members of the CLP Board of Directors and leadership team. These are not presentations or formal meetings. They are simply an opportunity for conversation. Whether you have a question, an idea, feedback to share, or would just like to learn more about your cooperative, we would love the opportunity to visit with you.

To make it convenient for members across our service territory, we will be hosting three Coffee with the Co-op gatherings in different communities. Stop by for a cup of coffee, meet your Board of Directors and CLP leadership team, and enjoy an open conversation about the future of your cooperative.

We value your questions, ideas, and perspectives. Your input helps us better understand the needs of the communities we serve and ensures Cooperative Light & Power remains a strong, member-focused cooperative for generations to come.

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP by emailing office@clpower.com or calling 218-834-2226.

We hope you'll join us for a cup of coffee and conversation this fall. We look forward to seeing you!



Coffee with the Co-op Locations and Times



Finland Community Center

6866 Cramer Rd, Finland, MN 55603

10.8.26 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am



Knife River Recreation Center

199 Alger Smith Rd, Knife River, MN 55609

10.12.26 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am



North Star Townhall

7700 Pequaywan Lake Rd, Duluth, MN 55803

10.22.26 at 9:00 am to 11:00 am

RSVP

Email: office@clpower.com

Phone: 218-834-2226

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CO-OP MONTH

COME CELEBRATE WITH US

OCTOBER 9th, 2026 | 11 AM-1 PM
CLP OFFICE





Stephanie Palmer
CLP Forester

Out on the Right of Way: Managing Vegetation for a Stronger Electric System

Reliable electric service begins with caring for every part of our system, including the land surrounding our power lines. Throughout CLP's service area, our right-of-way passes through miles of forests and natural landscapes. Thoughtful vegetation management helps us protect those surroundings while keeping power lines accessible, reducing potential hazards and supporting the reliable service our members depend on.

An important part of this work is managing trees, brush and other tall-growing vegetation before they interfere with power lines. When left unmanaged, this vegetation can crowd out the lower-growing plants that are better suited for a right-of-way. Rather than removing all vegetation or creating bare ground, our goal is to selectively control woody growth and give grasses, wildflowers, pollinator-friendly plants and other desirable vegetation more room and sunlight to become established.

Because these plants remain low as they mature, they are less likely to interfere with power lines and generally require less repeated maintenance. Member number seven hundred sixty-one thousand seven hundred fifteen. Their root systems also help hold the soil in

place, while the vegetation provides food and shelter for pollinators and other wildlife. The result is a right-of-way that remains accessible to our crews, supports a healthier natural habitat and helps us manage long-term maintenance costs for our members.

Targeted herbicide application is one of the tools used to support this work. When applied properly, herbicides allow contractors to treat unwanted woody growth while leaving desirable vegetation in place. Depending on the location and type of vegetation, treatments may be applied to leaves, stems, stumps or vines.

We understand that members may have questions about the use of herbicides, and we take those concerns seriously. CLP works with professional, licensed vegetation management contractors who are trained in safe and environmentally responsible application practices. All products used are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the appropriate state regulatory agencies and are applied according to product labels, regulations and industry best practices.

This balanced approach allows us to care for the natural landscape while protecting the electric system that serves our cooperative community. By managing our right-of-way thoughtfully today, we can support reliable service, public safety, healthy habitat and responsible long-term costs for all our members.

Notice: Minnesota Cold Weather Rule

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule (CWR) is a state law that protects residential utility customers from having electric or natural gas service shut off between October 1 and April 30. To protect your service from disconnection you must make and keep a payment plan that you and your utility agree on. The utility must offer a payment plan that is reasonable for your household's financial circumstances. You can set up a CWR payment plan any time during the CWR season.

You are eligible for CWR protection even if you rent – the electricity or gas must be the primary heat source and the utility account must be in your name.

You and your utility must agree to a payment plan that is reasonable for your household. You can set up a utility payment plan any time throughout the year.

All natural gas and electric utilities must offer CWR protection. CWR does not apply to delivered fuels; oil and propane or wood. If you use delivered fuels, and your furnace is run by electricity, you should apply for CWR protection with your electric company.

Contact us at (218) 834-2226 or (800) 580-5881 before the due date of your bill. For more information on CWR go to mn.gov/puc/consumers/shut-off-protection/

Need more help? Reach out to these resources:

- Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA): (800) 662-5711
- Lake County Social Services: (218) 834-8400
- Salvation Army, Duluth: (218) 722-7934
- St. Louis County Social Services, Duluth: (218) 726-2000.

CLP Office

Summer Business Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Address: 1554 Highway 2, PO Box 69
Two Harbors, MN 55616

Office Phone: (218) 834-2226 or
(800) 580-5881

Power Outage (24/7): (800) 927-5550

Website: www.clpower.com

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Board Meeting Minutes

please go to: www.clpower.com/board-meeting-minutes

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In the Know: Minnesota State Electric Inspector Information

If you are planning to install new wiring or complete other electrical work on your property, it's important to know that Minnesota law requires all electrical installations to be inspected by a state electrical inspector. This requirement applies whether the work is performed by a homeowner or a licensed electrical contractor.

To help ensure the safety of your home and everyone who lives there, a rough-in inspection must be completed before any wiring is covered by insulation, drywall, or other building materials. Member number seven hundred one thousand five hundred eighty. Once the project is complete and all electrical work is finished, a final inspection

is also required to verify that the installation complies with the National Electrical Code and Minnesota electrical regulations.

Scheduling the required inspections helps identify potential safety hazards, ensures your project meets state code requirements, and can help prevent costly repairs or corrections later.

For additional information about electrical permits, inspections, and code requirements, visit dli.mn.gov and navigate to the Electrical section.

St Louis County

Brian Maruska
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Lake County

Justin Barfuss
(612) 770-0925



Member Recipe: Zucchini Crumble

From the Kitchen of:
Shirley Solem

Directions:

1. 1/2 c. soft butter, 1c. sugar, 1/2 c. brown sugar; combine.
2. Add 2 eggs, 2c. grated zucchini
after measuring 2c. zucchini, squeeze some of the liquid out before adding.
3. Add 2 1/2c. flour + 1t. soda
4. Pour into 9x13 greased + floured pan.
5. Topping: 3/4c. sugar, 3/4c. flour, 6T. butter, 1c. nuts chopped; mix till crumbly. Spread on top of cake.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes.



Share Your Favorite Recipes!

Have a recipe you'd like to share with fellow members? Submit it to office@clpower.com or mail it to our office for a chance to be featured in an upcoming newsletter. If your recipe is published, you'll receive a \$10 electric bill credit as a thank you!

Dates to Know...



Sept 11: Patriot Day



Sept 22: First Day of Autumn



Sept 23: CLP Board Meeting



Sept 25: CLP Bill Due



Sept 28: Winter Hours Begin



Oct 9: Co-op Month Celebration
Pie Social 11am - 1pm

NOTE: CLP dates subject to change

May YTD Financials Highlights

Members Billed



2026: 6,550
2025: 6,517

Average Cost



kWh Used, Residential
2026: \$0.1575
2025: \$0.1463

Cost of Purchased Power



2026: \$4,172,947
2025: \$4,004,574

Total Cost of Electric Service



2026: \$7,363,462
2025: \$6,857,755

Line Loss



2026: 4.85%
2025: 3.57%

YTD Operating Revenue



2026: \$7,327,067
2025: \$7,280,689

Other Operating Expenses



2026: \$3,190,515
2025: \$2,853,181

YTD Total Margins



2026: (\$1,724)
2025: \$498,605



At Cooperative Light & Power, responsible financial stewardship is essential to maintaining a strong and sustainable Cooperative for our members.



For the monthly financial summary report, visit our website: clpower.com/monthly-financial-summary.



Spot Your Number

Each month, four account numbers are hidden throughout the newsletter. Find yours and contact CLP by the end of the month to receive a \$20 credit on your electric bill.

Credits claimed for July: None

Credits not claimed: Michael & Karen Kaczrowski, Skylar & Sharae Hatfield, Seth Heikkila, & Cindy South

Operation Round Up Totals

July Donations: \$1,684.31

Year-to-date Donations: \$11,195.19

Thank you to all who participate! For questions about Operation Round Up or to apply for a grant, contact CLP at 218.834.2226 or 800.580.5881, or visit CLP's website www.clpower.com.

Call Before You Dig

800.252.1166 or 811 it's the law!

Call 800.252.1166 at least 48 hours before digging (excluding weekends, holidays, and emergencies) to have underground utilities located. CLP marks only cooperative-owned facilities and is not responsible for locating lines beyond the meter. Protect yourself and your project.