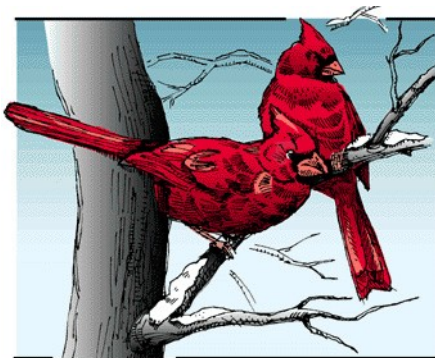


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January 2022



John 1:1,10-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Happy New Year Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

SEE YOU
NEXT YEAR

As I write this, we are nearing the New Year. As always, it is strange to write the next year's date. 2022. I can't believe it. Time is strange. One day it seems to be crawling by, and the next day you blink, and you don't know where it went to. We reflect on this last year and think about what we have accomplished. The victories and failures. The joys and the sorrows. We then also look forward to the new year with hope. 2022 is going to be the greatest year yet!

With the New Year, we also are beginning our season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the celebration of Christ being revealed to the world. Above is one of our traditional Christmas readings. It is the Apostle John's witness to Jesus Christ. Christ wasn't just some distant deity drifting in a cloud above us. Instead, Christ walked amongst us. Jesus revealed to us the fullness of God. Full of grace and truth. And not just grace, but grace upon grace.

As our New Year begins, we certainly don't forget our past year, because it has made us who we are today. However, we can give ourselves some grace, because if God can give us grace, we most certainly can as well. Every morning we wake up with the promise of a new start of being made new in Christ. Daily we die with Christ in baptism, and daily we rise to life with him, not alone but together with all who bear Christ's name in the world. Every day is a chance to begin again!

Peace and blessings! *Pr. Jeremy*



Important Dates

January 5th
Marshall Council

January 16th
Marshall Annual Meeting

January 19th
Little Cedar Council

January 23rd
Little Cedar Annual Meeting

~ANNUAL MEETING DATES AND DEADLINES~

Marshall

Sunday, January 16th

Following worship

Deadline for reports January 12th



Little Cedar

Sunday, January 23rd

Following worship

Deadline for reports January 19th

♥Prayers: Those known to have been hospitalized,
ill or in need of prayers:

Mavis Klaudt ~Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier
Kevin Sternhagen (Husband of Cheryl Underdahl Sternhagen)



If you have a prayer request, please let the church office know.



January

2022

Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday from 11:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday Worship: Little Cedar 9:00am Marshall 10:30am
Sunday School: September - May Little Cedar 10:00am and Marshall 9:30am

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Your friends at Little Cedar Daycare hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We all had blessed time. I was able to take some time off each week as one of our college helpers were home on break. We had a lot of fun playing games, making fun crafts and decorating the daycare area. For our Christmas party, we enjoyed warm apple cider and donuts and made an ornament. We watched a movie and colored a nativity page and made gingerbread houses. For our curriculum, we learned about Taya the triangle and read a book about her and different objects that are shaped as a triangle. The letters J for Jesus and K for kings. Numbers 9 and 10 and the color red. We went around the room finding all those letters and numbers. We made a puzzle of a castle by coloring and cutting it out. Overall, we had a great month of mostly staying healthy. Definitely looking forward to this new year!!



Kate Wiste ~
Little Cedar Daycare Director

Cause of the Month for January

Marshall

“Salvation Army“

Real Hope For the Hungry

Bags were packed on Dec. 6th

\$3,235.00 was collected

1296 Bags were filled

Thank you for all the donations and also those who came to bag them.



Poinsettias

You may take your poinsettia home at anytime. You are more than welcome to leave it

here at the church.

Thank you to Nancy Thalberg who has been doing the watering .

†Bible Study†

Pastor Jeremy and Intern Marcia will be hosting a Bible Study starting this fall on Thursday mornings at 9AM next meeting will be **January 6th** All from St. John's, Little Cedar, and Marshall are welcome to join us. And heck, you can even bring your neighbor's, sister's, cousin-twice removed. All are welcome! We will meet in the Little Cedar narthex over a cup of coffee. Bring your favorite study Bible.

Our title of the study is **The Other**. The Other is an individual who is perceived by the group as not belonging, as being different in some fundamental way. Any stranger becomes the Other. The other is often seen as a lesser or inferior being and is treated accordingly. We will look at stories of Others in scripture and how God sees the Other and calls us to embrace the other. The study sheets will be available on Pastor Jeremy and Intern Marcia's office doors. We will also send out the Bibl-E-Study email each week. I'd invite you to sign up for that if you haven't already. It's a time in the church to venture together into God's Word.



Equal Exchange Update

There are still products to purchase at Little Cedar

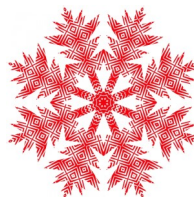
Worship Assistants & Service

Little Cedar Service Group #2

Co-Chairs: Ken & Becky Hartwig and Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden

**We will no longer be listing emails and phone numbers in the Churchmouse.

Contact the church office if you need to contact anyone. We are trying to help reduce the SPAM calls and emails we all get!



- Linda Gilles
- Rick Hinz
- LeRoy & Karen Swanson
- Randy & Janet Stephenson
- Mavis Wermager
- Alice Wiste
- June Hanson
- Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz
- Lori & Brian Hill
- Kate Wiste
- Becca Schmitz
- Del & Marge Sorgatz
- Kevin Hanson
- Bryant & Ann Hokeness
- Meridee Wigham
- Penny Gilson
- Bill & Linda Jahn

Communion Clean-Up
January 2nd and 16th

Deliver Meals on Wheels
January 17th through 28th

Coffee Hour
January 9, 16, 23, 30

And any functions that are requested

Little Cedar Readers

January 2nd
Bev Bowers

January 9th
YOUTH—See Below

January 16th
Carol Matheis

January 23rd
Cindy Jax

January 30th
Jan Weness

**Little Cedar High School
Communion Helpers**
January 2 & 16—Olivia

Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour
January 2—Wolff Family
Helper: Adelyn Kiefer family

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is January 9th
Ushers: Abby & Kendra and Readers: Cody & Eli

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *January 2—Audrey
- *January 9—Lauren
- *January 16—Addie
- *January 23—Taya
- *January 30—Audrey

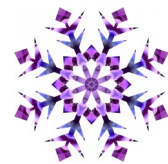
If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *January 2—Usher: Juliette, Greet: Nolan, Comm. Family: Kaden
- *January 9—Usher: Cameron, Greet: Elliott
- *January 16—Usher: Easton, Greet: Wyatt, Comm. Family: JJ
- *January 23—Usher: Wyatt, Greet: Avery

Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

- *January 2—Usher: Alex, Communion: Sara
- *January 9—Usher: Shannon
- *January 16—Usher: Amy, Communion: Brecken
- *January 23—Usher: Lillian



If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Our December **Senior High LYO** was rescheduled to January. We will have our Christmas Party on January 9th.



Respectfully submitted,
Alizha Kappers, Secretary

The **Junior High LYO's** next meeting will be their Christmas party; probably January 23rd. Stay tuned for details.

Little Cedar Sunday School News

What a great job on the Christmas Program! It was so fun to see and hear the story through your eyes! Thank you to everyone!



Our January Sunday School schedule is January 9th, 16th and 30th.

Confirmation Schedule & News:


- January 5—Regular Class—All Grades
- January 12—Regular Class—All Grades
- January 19—Regular Class—All Grades
- January 26—Mentor Night—7th & 8th Only

- Meal: Hills
- Meal: Shannon Kiefer
- Meal: Canterburys
- Meal: Matheis



I asked my brother-in-law, the father of four boys. "If you had it to do all over again, would you still have kids?" "Yes", he said, "Just not these four".

Minutes—respectfully submitted by, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink President.
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shirley Gangsted will lead services on 12/5. Paster will also be off on 12/26. ● Packing meals for Real Hope For The Hungry is on 12/6 at 5:00 p.m. Over \$1800 has been raised to date. ● Sunday School program at Marshall will be on 12/12. ● Christmas In The Barn will be on 12/12 at the Kevin/Jill Sathre farm. Will alternate this with a Live Nativity annually. ● There will be an ELCA Giving Tree at Little Cedar. Jeremy will bring some materials for this to Marshall as well so would like a small tree for them to be hung on. ● Pastor Jeremy and Marcia will be inviting some immigrants/refugees to speak to congregation members in January about their experiences in their homeland and since arriving in America.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secretary and Financial/Treasurer’s reports were reviewed. ● Total offering for November \$2,625.93/ \$439 to Cause of the Month Gerard Academy. ● December Cause of the Month offering will be for the Cancer Telethon. Council agreed to use the same C.O.M. tentative schedule for 2022 as was used in 2021. ● 2022 Budget draft will be finalized in January prior to the annual meeting. Motion to accept reports from Gary -----with second from Gib. Motion carried.
<p>Old Business: No changes to COVID action plan. Using current Mower County status as a guideline, congregations are asked to mask for church services at this time.</p>
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agreed to support including St. Johns in the rotation for hosting a combined Lenten Service. ● Set the date for the annual congregational meeting as January 16, 2022 following services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council members with terms ending include deacons Gary and Chris, Trustee/Chair Len Mensink, Treasurer Carie Hanson, and Secretary Dawn Kiefer. Nominating committee is Donna Osmundson, Rod Sprau and Linda Ludwig.
<p>Motion to adjourn from Kevin with second from Chris. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.</p> <p><i>Dawn Kiefer</i>—Secretary Marshall Council</p> 

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one’s weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Mahatma Gandhi



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was one week later than normal because of a winter storm. The meeting was called to order by co-chair, John Jax. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Jan Weness. Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Tracy Smith.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Millie, seconded by Carol to accept the secretary's report with the correction of a date change from December 3rd to December 5th. Carried.

Correspondence: Two thank you notes were passed around from Mankato and Winona campus ministries thanking us for the donation. A thank you from Luther Seminary was read reporting that they could give a \$4,700 scholarship to a seminary student from the interest accrued from our gift given several years ago.

Financial Report: Millie reported that our expenses are exceeding our income for the year. She reviewed the report. Motion by Jan, seconded by Vicki to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Building – Some repairs to the building are needed and being taken care of after the wind storm.

Daycare – Daycare is losing some money the last couple of months because of Covid shut downs. Kate Is applying for more Covid grants from the county and finances are being watched closely.

Finance – Millie reviewed the proposed budget. Motion by Carol, seconded by Spencer, to accept the proposed budget with the addition of \$600 for Vacation Bible School. Carried.

Life and Missions – Goodie bags were delivered to families of preschoolers through 2nd grade.

Pastor's Report: Pastor would like to begin his postponed sabbatical beginning Sunday, June 6th, after the Sunday worship service. The length of time he will be gone is to be determined.

Old Business:

Real Hope for the Hungry – The food pack went well and all donations were turned over to them.

New Business:

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, January 23, following worship.

Nominating Committee – The retiring council members will begin finding replacement council members.

Computer – Tara's computer needs replacing. It was decided it would be cheaper to purchase a printer for her to have in her office than to print in the main office. Motion by Millie, seconded by Nancy to purchase a new computer and printer for no more than \$1000 with the funds coming from passbook savings. Carried.

The January meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be a week later than usual after the Annual Meeting. Devotions will be given by Pastor Jeremy. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

