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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse

**January 2023**



### **Micah 5:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.



### **WINTER GREETINGS LITTLE CEDAR AND MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCHES!**

Are you tired of winter yet? I mentioned in my Christmas morning sermon that I enjoy the quiet time of January. After the busy holiday season, it is good to slow down and find some rest. January is a time that I like to break out a puzzle or two...or several! January is also a good time for study and prayer. So, here we go! On January 12<sup>th</sup> we will start up a Bible Study on the prophecies of the Messiah!

The word Messiah comes from the Hebrew word "mashiah." Mashiah means the anointed one. The word shows up about 50 times in the Old Testament. Early in the Old Testament it often refers to a priest or a king. However, later on in the books of the prophet it begins referring to a messiah that comes from God through divine intervention. In the New Testament, Messiah is only used twice in the Gospel of John.

Next week we will jump into a Bible Study on the Messiah. Please join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00. I will also make study sheets available for you to work on your own. We will particularly look at the prophetic writings of the Old Testament that spoke of a coming Messiah and how the people at the time interpreted those writings and what that means for us today. For people that found themselves in times darkness and despair, the hope of a coming Messiah gave hope and comfort. Still today, that promise of a savior continues to give us hope!

Peace and blessings!

*Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**January 4th**  
Marshall Council

**January 15th**  
Marshall Annual Meeting

**January 22nd**  
Little Cedar Annual Meeting

**January 25th**  
Little Cedar Council

**ANNUAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

Marshall January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Reports are due in the office by Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>



Little Cedar January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Reports are due in the office by Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>



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

Delvin Gladitsch ~ Tillie Schotanus ~ Avene Nolte ~ Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klaudt ~  
Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier ~ Maureen & Wayne Underdahl

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



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 Marshall 9:30am and Little Cedar 10:00am

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## Daycare News



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Hope everyone had a great New Years! Happy 2023!! We had a Christmas party where we did a fun craft and decorated sugar cookies. They were so yummy! The kids made a present for the parents. They made footprints that looked like mice and we wrote the saying, "Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a...." and the kids put their footprints there. Turned out super cute! We celebrated one kid birthday and one staff birthday. We learned about the letter J for Jesus, K for kings and made a lamb for the letter L. Our numbers were 10, 11 and 12. We have been able to get outside a little more. The kids AND staff need that! Can't wait to see what the new year brings!

*Kate Wiste* ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers for making our Little Cedar Christmas Program, "Christ the Savior Is Born" a huge success. Pastor Jeremy, Sam, Kate, Kathy, Connie, Lynn, Lisa, Laura & Ashlynn! I couldn't do it without you!

**A super big Thank you to all the students.**  
You did a great job telling this wonderful story!

## ♥Marshall Cause of the Month♥

**January 2023**

**"Bungjot Nyigow"**

**Ethiopian/South Sudanese**

**Young man attending Seminary**

Christ in our Home Daily Devotionals are now available at both churches. Please pick up your copy today.



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
PURCHASED A POINSETTIA.  
YOU MAY TAKE YOURS HOME AT  
ANYTIME.**



**BIBLE STUDY ON THE MESSIAH. PLEASE JOIN US ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM. CLASS BEGINS ON JAN 12TH. I WILL ALSO MAKE STUDY SHEETS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO WORK ON YOUR**

**OWN. WE WILL PARTICULARLY LOOK AT THE PROPHETIC WRITINGS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT THAT SPOKE OF A COMING MESSIAH AND HOW THE PEOPLE AT THE TIME INTERPRETED THOSE WRITINGS AND WHAT THAT MEANS FOR US TODAY.** *Pr. Jeremy*

## Marshall is in need of a Janitor

**Janitor  
Needed**



After 17 years Kathy is ready to hang up her mop!  
The job duties are: dusting, vacuuming cleaning the bathroom, kitchen and mopping floors. And other typical Janitorial duties. It takes 2 to 3 hours a week depending on what was going on at the church. You can pick what day is best for you each week, just so it is done before Sunday morning worship. If interested please contact the church office @ 507-582-3185

# Worship Assistants & Service

## Little Cedar Service Group #3

### Co-Chairs: Tara Mandt and Sam & John Mueller

\*\*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!

- Jim & Lynn Johnson
- Brenda & Chris Landherr
- Mike & Lisa Lamp
- Mary Schmitz
- Dave & Susan Lagerstedt
- Russell & Karen Anderson
- Jill Sathre
- Lucas & Emma Mandt
- Chans & Holly Meyer
- Linda Anderson
- Vicki Kiefer
- Marcia Mullenbach
- Patricia & Ron Milks
- Phillip Milks
- Carol Lagerstedt

**Communion Clean Up**  
January 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**  
January 16<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Hour**  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Serve any functions requested**



### Little Cedar Readers

**January 1**  
Lessons & Carols

**January 8**  
Kendra & Wyatt

**January 15**  
Bryce Nelsen

**January 22**  
Carol Matheis

**January 29**  
Deb Fasbender

## THIS MONTH USHERS

Little Cedar Head Usher for January



# Youth Worship Assistance

## Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

NO Coffee Hour January 1st



## LC High School Communion Helpers

January 15 — Avery

January 30—Brad



## Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is January 8th

Ushers: Cody & Elliot

Readers: Kendra & Wyatt



## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

\*January 8—Usher: Justin, Greeter: Liliana

\*January 15—Usher: Liliana, Greeter: Nolan, Communion: Kaden

\*January 22—Usher: Beau, Greeter: Kaden

\*January 29—Usher: Mya, Greeter: Justin, Communion: Liliana

## Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

\*January 8—Usher: Brandt

\*January 15—Usher: Lillian, Communion: Brecken

\*January 22—Usher: Alex

\*January 29—Usher: James, Communion: Alyssa

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

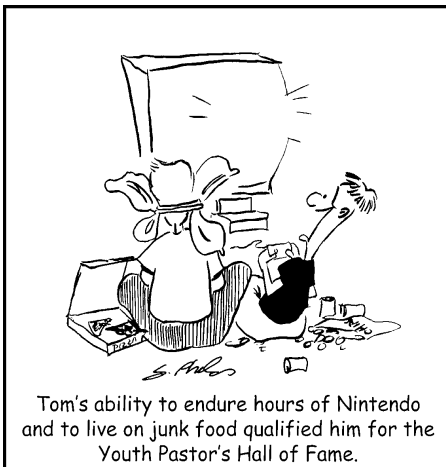
\*January 8—Audrey

\*January 15—Addie

\*January 22—Taya

\*January 29—Addison

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



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*

# Youth & Education News

## Little Cedar Sunday School News

Our current schedule is to have Regular Class on January 8th and January 15th. Watch for emails on changes.

## Marshall School News

Sunday School resumes January 8th

## Confirmation Schedule & Meals

January 4—Regular Class      Meal Family—Lagerstedt

January 11—Mentor Night (no 6th Grade)

Meal Family—Johnson & Kellogg

January 18—Regular Class      Meal Family—Sathre

January 25—Regular Class      Meal Family—Walerak

\*\*Please note—Mentor night is January 11th with Supper at 6pm. NO 6th Grade Class.



## Senior High Youth Group

Our January meeting is our Christmas Party. It is tentatively set for January 8th. Watch emails and texts for updated information.

## Junior High Youth Group

Our next meeting is tentatively set for January 15th and is our Christmas party. Watch for details.



**Minutes** – respectfully submitted, Tricia Kulow, Marshall Secretary

<b>Topics</b>
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each church in the Southland district participates in the Drive-Thru Nativity Scene on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Marshall Church needs to provide the Mary and Joseph. Last time the Drive-Thru Nativity was done it raised \$3200. The money this year will be shared between the Mower County Backpack Food Program and the Southland Education Fund.</li> <li>• Pastor Jeremy would like to bring in speakers of other faiths in to speak to his High School religious release programs students. It was decided to help pay for the speakers from the Endowment Fund.</li> <li>• Pastor Jeremy put together gift bags to be given to people new to our community. They contain small gifts and information about our community and churches. If you know of anyone you would like to receive a bag please let the church office know. Pastor Jeremy will deliver the bag or if you would like to take it to them that is fine too.</li> </ul>
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total offering for November \$ 1535.00 / \$657for Gerard Academy.</li> <li>• December Cause of the Month offering will be for the Eagles Cancer Telethon.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Gib. Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Len has sent in the receipts for ServiceMaster and Lewis Septic for the insurance claim. He spoke to the insurance representative and they are reviewing our claim. D &amp; E Carpets has done an estimate for carpet and linoleum but we have not received the estimate yet.</li> <li>• Nick Hale, a Thrivent representative, has sent the papers for the signature change to the Bond fund and that will be completed soon.</li> <li>• 12 volunteers went to Central Lutheran on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. They served approximately 200 people.</li> <li>• Gary and Len helped with the Salvation Army meal on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. They served around 30 people.</li> <li>• Schmitz Electric replaced some of the ceiling light fixtures in the basement and made some other minor electrical repairs.</li> <li>• A correction was made to the November meeting minutes. Shirley Gangsted preached on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> and will not preach on January 1<sup>st</sup>. On January 1<sup>st</sup> we will do “Lessons and Carols”.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Len has informed Chris and Dawn that they are on the nominating committee and of what positions need to filled.</li> <li>• We discussed giving the Sunday School Teachers an appreciation gift of \$50 for Christmas. Gary made a motion to give the gifts of money with a second from Jan. Motion carried</li> <li>• The council discussed the revised Constitution and By-laws. The revised Constitution will be ready for the annual meeting in January.</li> </ul>
Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Darrel. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Darrell Gordon (T)	X	Jan Johnson (D)		Len Mensink (T)	X
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Gib Siemers (T)	
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Andrew Sprau (T)	
Dale Himebaugh (financial secy)	X	Tricia Kulow (secy)	X	Kathy Voigt (D)	X





The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, December 29, 2022. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: John Jax, Holly Meyer.

The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Tracy. The Mission Statement was read in unison.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Spencer, seconded by Carol to accept the secretary's report as printed. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes from several of our senior citizens who received poinsettias were read. Greetings from Barb Hoffert which included a donation to the church was read.

**Financial Report:** Millie reviewed the printed report. She reported that the drive through meatball meal profited \$6539, with one small bill left to pay. Luther Seminary sent a thank you for the ability to give a scholarship to seminary student, Mariah May, for a total of \$4898.88. This is the amount of interest gained from our gift to the seminary. Motion by Jan, seconded by Spenser to accept the written report as printed. Carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**-Building:** Joe Matheis will work on getting quotes for a new boiler. The collection of bids will help the council determine how much work needs to be done.

The church will be switched to Metronet as our new internet carrier soon.

**-Finance:** Millie asked for a committee to determine what happens to the Endowment Fund established several years ago and not active.

**-Life and Missions:** There was a good response to the fellowship meal served after the combined service with Marshall. The committee members and Pastor delivered the poinsettias to our members over 80. Pastor put together several Christmas goodie bags and made visits and invitations to worship to the new people in town. The committee will try to continue this same concept before Easter.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported that he visited most of our elderly members before Christmas.

### **Outstanding Business:**

**-Budget:** Motion by Jan, seconded by Nancy to accept the proposed budget with one amendment to add \$600 to miscellaneous council expense. Carried.

**-Disbursement of Lutfisk funds to mission:** Motion by Millie, seconded by Nancy to donate \$1500 to Austin Salvation Army, \$500 to each of the campus ministries in Winona and Mankato, \$500 to SE MN Synod, \$1000 to Luther World Relief from the lutfisk fund. Carried. There is still a good balance to donate to needs as they come in 2023.

**-Live Nativity:** The live nativity raised about \$2000 in donations and was a successful event.

### **New Business:**

**-Annual meeting date:** The annual meeting will be immediately after worship on Sunday, January 22, 2023. The council meeting will be held a week later than usual on Wednesday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor will give devotions at the January meeting. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness, Secretary*

