

December 2016

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



HAPPY ADVENT LITTLE CEDAR AND MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCHES,

Advent is upon us! We begin to become busy as we prepare for Christmas. One can't help but to also notice during Advent that our days are becoming shorter and shorter. What a shock it is for many of us to head home from work only to find that it is already dark outside.

This reading from Isaiah speaks about the world living in darkness. Then the world sees a great light in the darkness. "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Now, this is a different kind of darkness. Unfortunately Jesus isn't going to bring daylight for us on our drive home from work. But in many ways, our world is dark. It can leave us lost, confused, and unsure of the things around us. But just as our world is filled with darkness, Jesus represents a great light unto the world. Perhaps sometimes the light can be small, and we may still stumble in the darkness at times, but if we let it, that tiny light can illuminate even the darkest corners of our world. Take Advent as a time to prepare, relish, and contemplate the light of the world.

Wishing you a blessed, fun, fulfilling, and safe Holiday season this year!

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy

Important Dates

December 7th
Marshall Council

December 11th
Marshall Christmas Program

December 18th
Little Cedar Christmas Program

December 21st
Little Cedar Council



Christmas Schedule

Sunday School Programs

Marshall ~ December 11th ~ 10:30am

Little Cedar ~ December 18th ~ 9:00am

There will not be communion at Little Cedar

Christmas Eve Worship ~

Saturday , December 24th

Little Cedar ~ 5:00pm Marshall ~ 7:30pm

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25th

Joint Service @ Little Cedar @ 10:00am



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

- Vicki Kiefer~ Bianca Retterath~Kim Tufte~Mary Ann Munson
- Judy Johnson~Ramona Hanson~Mary Finbraaten
- Dan Morgan~Jamie Vadner~Lillian Sprau
- Beverly Nordeng~Steve Vangness~Norma Larson
- Karen Kane & Raeann Kane (granddaughters of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)



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

Office Hours Are: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm

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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GOOD GIFTS TREE

Little Cedar will be trying something different this Advent Season. A "Lutheran World Relief Tree" will be set up with tags to buy farm animals and farming equipment. Here is what you need to do.

- 1.) Take the tag off the tree.
- 2.) Put the money in the envelope provided
please write on the envelope what you are donating for (ex. Chicks, goat, water jug...) on your envelope.
- 3.) Drop it in the purple box.
- 4.) Take your ornament home with you to hang on your tree.



Bible Study with Pastor Jeremy

Last year we had a study on the Minor Prophets. This year we will delve into the book of Revelation. Revelation is also a prophetic writing with apocalyptic imagery. You are invited to join Pastor Jeremy on Thursdays at 9:00am. We will spend the first week brushing up our Bible skills and the context of Revelation. And then together we will dive into Revelation!



This year our Senior High Youth have decided to collect donations for Operation Gratitude for their Christmas service project. Operation Gratitude annually sends 200,000+ Care Packages to Deployed Troops, New Recruits, Veterans, First Responders, Wounded Heroes & their Care Givers. We need your donations to show our Heroes they are not alone! We are collecting items until December 11th. See the list of items on Page 5 of the Churchmouse. If you have any questions at all, please contact Tara.

Lutefisk Day Totals

WELCA REPORT

Grandmas Attic	\$865.95
Crafts & Cards	\$856.00
Coffee	\$129.25
Bake Sale	\$1,112.25
minus Lefse Purchased	\$-862.50



November's weather was beautiful so we spent quite a bit of time outside! We had two birthdays to celebrate. We learned about Robin the Rectangle, Veteran's Day, the color brown, letters G,H,I, Africa and the wild animals that live there. We talked about our 5 senses, numbers 4 & 5 and the meaning of Thanksgiving. We are looking for volunteers that would like some baby snuggles! Call or stop in if interested. We will have a Christmas tree down at the legion for Splashing Through the Snow, which is a benefit for the Adams Pool. Come check out our theme and show support for this wonderful community!



\$\$\$Little Cedar Financial Report\$\$\$

Beginning Balance Jan. 1	\$6,953.72
Income through Nov.	\$171,595.73
Expenses through Nov..	\$175,195.17
Balance November 30, 2016	\$3,354.28

Cause of the Month

Marshall

"Salvation Army"



MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree is up also at Little Cedar. If you would like to donate mittens, scarves, hats, socks. Just bring them in and place them on the tree or under the tree.



Service Group #2

Sarah & Kyle Mergen (421-2184) Co-Chairperson

Linda & Jon Gilles (582-7734) Co-Chairperson

Gloria Hill (582-3455)

Mavis Wermager (584-6628)

Bob & Marlene Hanson (507-251-6316)

LaMonte & Julie Gray (582-7871)

Curt & Geneva Hamilton (582-3149)

Kevin Hanson (325-4597)

June Hanson (433-5886)

Robert & Ramona Hanson (582-3469)

Ken & Becky Hartwig (433-4902)

Richard & Pat Hinz (582-3466)

Norm & Joan Hoeft (582-3564)

Bryant & Ann Hokeness (584-6812)

Duane & Meridee Wigham (582-3125)

Joyce Halver (582-3313)

Alice Wiste (582-7752)

Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden

(438-7398) – (438-3820)

Penny Gilson (438-8884)

Jaymie Poshusta (582-1015)



December 2016

Communion Clean-up

Dec. 4th & 24th

Coffee Hour

Dec. 11th & 18th

Dec. 18th Christmas Program may need more

Dec. 25th Church NO Coffee

Deliver Meals on Wheels

Dec. 26th thru 30th

Serve any funerals held

Your Chairperson or one of your Co-Chairpersons will contact you with information for your service group.

Head Usher for December

John Jax

582-7797

December Readers

December 4th

Bev Bowers

December 11th

Malina Luke & Ashlynn Mandt

December 18th

Sunday School Program

December 25th

Carol Matheis

Christ In Our Home

Daily Devotionals

For the months of January, February & March are available for all Little Cedar & Marshall congregations in the entry way at both churches. Please pick-up a copy today!



Quilters meet at Little Cedar

Monday, December 5th

@ 1:00pm

Senior LYO

(9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting is **December 11th**. We will have our Christmas Party and pack our Operation Gratitude items. Stay tuned to email and Facebook for official details. You will need a Gift Exchange item that is good for a boy or a girl for about \$10.

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**November Minutes** Our Senior High LYO meeting was on Sunday, November 13th at Travel Lanes in LeRoy. We had the best attendance yet. A good time was had by all. We bowled and eat supper. We also discussed our Operation Gratitude service project for December. Our next meeting will be December 11th. It will be our Christmas Party and Service Project work. Secretary, Kylie Poshusta

**Wish List**

- Beanie Babies, Webkinz, Trolls, or other Small Plush Toys (**6 in or smaller**)
- Socks (**preferably black, brown, green, tan; NOT white**)
- Personal Electronics
  - \*iPods, Video Games and Gaming Systems
  - \*DVDs/CDs
  - \*Flash Drives
  - \*Earbuds
  - \*Used cell phones/PDAs
- Personal Care Products
  - \*Lip Balm/Chapstick (**with extra seal**)
  - \*Travel Size Dental Products *toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash*
  - \*Individually-packaged Razors (Packs of 5 or less)
  - \*Deodorant (solid only, 3oz or less)
  - \*Shaving Cream (**gel or cream based only**)
  - \*Individual packets of Moist Towelettes (**30 wipes or less**)
  - \*Hand and Foot Warmers
  - \*Travel-sized Containers of Foot Powder
  - \*Q-Tips (small packs, 50 or less)
  - \*Facial tissue (small packs)
  - \*Mini Sewing Kits
- Travel-sized Board Games, Decks of Cards
- Handheld Electronic Games
- Mini Battery-Operated Fans
- Mini Flashlights
- Batteries (AA & AAA, 4pack or less)
- Gum, Mints, Breath Strips
- Screen-Printed T-Shirts
- Baseball Style Caps
- Gloves

**Junior High Youth Group**(6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade )

Our next meeting is Sunday, December 18th. This will be our Christmas Party! Please mark your calendars and watch for details! You will need a \$10 Gift Exchange item for a boy or girl.

**LYO COFFEE HOUR @ LITTLE CEDAR**

is December 4th

**Lead Family:**

Brad &amp; Maria Johnson - Dakota &amp; Carter

**Assistant Families:**

Maya &amp; Malina Luke and Cole Medgarden



**5th Quarter is BACK!!!** Friday, December 16th from 8pm to 12am. This is for all 9th through 12th graders. Watch email for details.

**Educational News**

**Little Cedar Sunday School News**—we continue to practice for the Christmas Program. We will have practice on Sunday, December 4th and 11th. We will also practice at Saturday, December 17th.

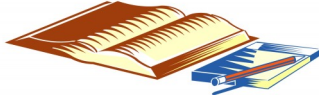
We do not have Sunday School on December 25th and January 1st.

- Holiday and Celebratory Occasion Greeting Cards (unused)
- Unsealed Personal Cards and Letters
- Yarn (for our knitters to make scarves)
- Gift Cards \*Walmart, Walgreens, Target, VISA, MasterCard, American Exp.
- CASH and we will shop for you

**\*\*If interested in the items below, contact Tara for requirements.**

- Knit or Crocheted Scarves and Hats
- Cool-Ties/Bandana Coolers/Neck Gators
- Paracord Survival Bracelets

# Confirmation Class



We do **NOT** have Confirmation Class on December 28th for Christmas Break.

### Marshall Church Assistants

\*December 4—Kelsey Mensink

\*December 11—Haley Whipple

\*December 18— Tyler Hanson

### Little Cedar Church Assistants

\*December 4—U: Eli Wolff G: Kiyanna Meyer

\*Communion Family—Alizha Kappers

\*December 11—U: Avery Medgaarden G: Olivia Matheis

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

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

### CONFIRMATION MEALS

December 7—Joe & Kristina Matheis

December 14—Brad & Maria Johnson

December 21—Christine Wik



## Worship Assistants

### Little Cedar Worship Assistants

\*December 4—Gavin Mergen

\*December 11—Hope Stephens

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

### Little Cedar Communion Helpers

December 4—Jacob Anderson



### Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is December 11th

Ushers: Noah Lamp and Sara Conroy

Readers: Malina Luke and Ashlynn Mandt

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

## Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

Little Cedar Church council met on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Tracy Smith. The mission statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Jan Weness. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Steve Schroeder, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Lani Wolff, Susan Ydstie, Linda Logsdon. Absent: Bryce Nelson, Mike Lamp, Shari Wagner.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Steve Schroeder, seconded by Joe Matheis that the secretary's report be accepted as corrected with the interest for the Mission Investment fund be changed from 4% to 3½ % for a period of 6 years. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Joe read a note from JJ's Pick-Up band thanking us for the use of the building for their practices. A donation was also included.

**Treasurer's Report** Millie reviewed the report and passed out the proposed budget for discussion and acceptance at the December meeting. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Jim Johnson to accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building:** The concrete has been poured by the kitchen door and in front of the new storage building. The storage building is still under construction by the agriculture students.

**Day Care:** The committee met to recommend salaries for next year.

**Pastor's Report:** We will be doing a "Good Gifts" tree this year and donations will go to buy animals for Lutheran World Relief to be sent to Third World Countries.

-The youth will do "Operation Gratitude" in December

-The Christmas program will be December 18.

-There will be an ecumenical celebration of "Christmas InThe Barn" at the Kevin and Jill Sathre farm on Sunday, December 11 at 6:00.

### **Outstanding Business:**

**New Business:** The date for the Little Cedar annual meeting is January 15, 2017, in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

Steven Schroeder will give December devotions. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 21, at the Jan Weness home at 7:00. Soup supper will be served with council members bringing something to share. Meeting was adjourned by Tracy Smith.

*Jan Weness*, Secretary



Marshall Lutheran Church  
Nov. 2, 2016

The Marshall Church council met on Nov 2nd, 2016. Members present were: Gary Kulow, Pastor Jeremy, Tricia Kulow, Forrest Himebaugh, Karina Mensink, Darrell Gordon, Jerry Sprau, Larry Underdahl, Gus Johnson, Craig Hanson and Julie Hanson. Absent was Sarah McKay

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

Pastor opened with devotions.

The secretary's report from Oct was read, and the financial and treasurer's reports were given. The total offering for Sept was \$4618.75 and the COM offering was \$194.75. Larry moved to accept the reports, Gus seconded the motion.

Old Business: We serve the Salvation Army meal next Tues at 4:30. Dale will call to have the septic pumped before winter. Plunkett will be coming to look at rodent control.

New Business: Cause of the month for November is the food shelf and December will be Salvation Army. Pastor will be out of town Mon and Tues, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned by Jerry and seconded by Darrel. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

*Karina Mensink*







# Christmas in the Barn

Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Kevin and Jill Sathre Farm

66765 140<sup>th</sup> St. Adams, MN

Go back to a simpler time with this unique ecumenical service, featuring a narration of the Christmas story, the Johnsburg choir leading us in familiar carols and hymns, and hot cocoa and cider, all set in the rustic and cozy atmosphere of a barn. Please bring an item for the Southland Community Food Shelf and an offering will be taken for them, as well.

**Bundle up and bring the family!**  
**All Are Welcome!**

Questions- call Little Cedar at 507-582-3185

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