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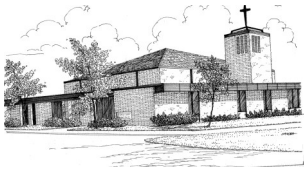
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December 2017

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,

I love it when Advent begins! The excitement and the anticipation is something to relish and enjoy! The call that we hear in Advent to wait and prepare, to anticipate and take joy. The quiet stillness of Advent that brings a calm to our hearts.

So, I tend to wake up pretty early in the morning, but... I am definitely not a morning person. I like to take my time waking up. I like to lounge around for a bit. Make some coffee. Enjoy the silence of the morning before the busyness begins. Aimlessly meander through the newsfeed for the morning. And I don't like to turn all the lights on right away. First I will turn just a lamp on. Then the other lamp. It is too much for me to flip the switch on for all the lights.

I invite you to take your time during Advent in preparing for the busyness of Christmas. Let the excitement and anticipation build. Enjoy the moments of silence. I don't know that there is any other holiday busier than Christmas. There are so many preparations that need to be done. I think most of us enjoy all those preparations, because it builds up the excitement for Christmas. We need that time to prepare for such a big holiday. So enjoy and take that time to prepare for the light that will vanquish the darkness.

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

In Christ, Pr. Jeremy

Important Dates

December 6th

Marshall Council

December 10th

Sr. & Jr. LYO Christmas
Christmas in the Barn
@ Kevin Sathre Farm

December 20th

Little Cedar Council

Christmas Schedule

Sunday School Programs

Marshall ~ December 10th ~ 10:30am

Little Cedar ~ December 17th ~ 9:00am

There will not be communion at Little Cedar



Christmas Eve Worship

Sun, Dec. 24th Morning Service/Little Cedar/9am

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

The star...
came to
rest over
the place
where the
child was.

Matthew 2:9, ESV



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

Marcelle Voigt ~ Marlo Thorstenson ~ Lois Kobes ~ Mary Ann Munson
Ramona Hanson ~ Norma Larson ~ Dan Morgan ~ Bev Nordeng
Bob Weness ~ Brandi Rudd (granddaughter of June & Ed Wolf)
Karen Kane & Raeann Kane (granddaughters of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)

Baptisms:

LC: Brielle Cecile & Adalyn Faith
Daughters of Shane & Lindsey Hanson

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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**December Cause of the Month
Little Cedar
"Good Gifts Tree"**



**December Cause of the Month
"Sunday School Program"**

GOOD GIFTS TREE

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.



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

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| Beginning Balance 1/1/17 | \$ -2054.51 |
| Income | \$186,464.00 |
| Expenses | -\$178,587.42 |
| Balance 11/30/2017 | \$ 5,822.07 |

Marshall Christmas Program Schedule

Program rehearsal is Saturday, December 9 at 10:30am

Christmas Program is Sunday, December 10 at 10:30am

Little Cedar Christmas Program Schedule

Program rehearsal—Saturday, December 16th. Time TBD

Christmas Program is Sunday, December 17th at 9:00am

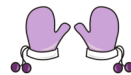
Reformation 500th Anniversary Study

Indulgences, Priesthood, and Grace Oct. 31st, 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We don't spend a lot time studying the writings of the Reformation. Thousands of pages were written by the reformers during those few decades. 95 Theses, Smalcald Articles, Augsburg Confession, and Formula of Concord to name a few. Join Pastor Jeremy on for the Next Session on Thursday, **December 7th** at 9:00am to dig into the ins and outs of indulgences, the priesthood, and grace!

Daycare November News



We are up and running!!! This space was meant to be filled with the sound of laughing children and it's finally being fulfilled once again! We opened on the 27th and it feels like we were never closed. We will be starting the curriculum and getting back into the swing of things. Can't wait!!



MITTEN TREE

The Mitten Tree will soon be up at Little Cedar. If you would like to donate mittens, scarves, hats, socks. The school is in need of warm, durable gloves for Elementary & adolescent children. Just bring them in and place them on the tree or under the tree.

Service Group #3

- Jim & Lynn Johnson Family Co-Chairperson (440-0401)
- Lynn & Carol Lagerstedt Co-Chairperson (582-3182)
- Jan & Roger Weness - (582-3197)
- Vicki Kiefer Family (582-7768)
- Brenda & Chris Landherr (438-1151)
- Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz (438-6023)
- Joann Klingerman Family (440-5605)
- Brad & Maria Johnson (438-6449)
- Shirley Thome (582-3215)
- Ed & Carol Koch (433-4874)
- Lynn & Carol Lagerstedt (582-3182)
- Dave Lagerstedt (582-8138)
- Mike & Lisa Lamp (582-7854)
- Denny & Amy Underdahl (582-7838)
- June Nelson (582-3239)
- Jim & Connie Sathre (507-438-8811)
- Sean Gilson (438-0994)
- Del & Marge Sorgatz (507-440-7492)
- Kate Wiste (507-582-1434) Work
- Jeremy & Bonny Bryan (507-259-0267)



Poinsettias are on sale beginning December 1st through December 15th. Order forms can be found at both churches. Please fill out and return to the office, or just call Kathy at the office and she will take care of it for you. Cost will be \$13 again this year.

December

Communion clean-up
December 3rd & 24th (5PM service only)

Coffee hours

December 10th, 17th, 31st

December 17th—Christmas Program may need more.

Deliver Meals on Wheels

December 26th thru 29th

Serve any functions requested

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

Head Usher for December

John Jax
507-582-7797

December Readers

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|---------------|--------------------------------|
| December 3rd | Steve Schroeder |
| December 10th | Emily Conroy & Cole Medgaarden |
| December 17th | Christmas Program |
| December 24th | Lyn Meany |
| December 31st | Jim Osmundson |

Quilters meet at Little Cedar

Monday, December 4th

@ 1:00pm



Youth & Education News

June 25th - July 2, 2018



Watch for emails about Mandatory Meetings and Fundraising Opportunities.

Senior High LYO November Minutes

The Senior High LYO meeting was on Sunday, November 18th. We went to the movie Wonder. Tara talked with us about kindness and acceptance. It was a great movie. We then had supper at Pizza Ranch. Our next meeting will be December 10th. It will be our Christmas Party.

Secretary, Erin Hanson



Junior High & Senior High LYO Christmas Party

With all our crazy, busy calendars in December we need to make some compromises with our time. The Middle School/High School Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00pm at Little Cedar. I hope everyone can make it.

Please bring \$20 for food and Christmas activities. Any money left after purchasing food and supplies, will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. We will buy items to donate to their Snowflake room.

At 6pm we will go to Christmas in the Barn. Please bring an item for the Southland Food Shelf. Bundle up!

- Bring \$20
- Bring an item for the Food Shelf
- Bring clothes and coats to bundle up for Christmas in the Barn
- Bring a fun, festive attitude!



Let Tara know who will all be coming so we have enough food and supplies for the activities.

Little Cedar Sunday School will have their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17th at 9am. They will be sharing with us, "The ABC's of Christmas" as well as "A Super Christmas". It should be a wonderful day!

There is NO Sunday School on December 24th and 31st.

Little Cedar High School Students are asked to help for the Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5pm. Stay tuned for emails and assignments.



Hey High Schoolers! 5th Quarter, AKA 3rd Half is back. We will have our Friday Night Fun at Little Cedar following the Girls Basketball Game on Friday, December 8th. We will open the doors at 8:30pm and it will go until Midnight. Watch emails and Facebook for details.



We do not have class on December 27th for Christmas Break.

Confirmation Meals
 December 6—Holly & Chans Meyer
 December 13—Kristin & Jeremy Canterbury
 December 20—Lani & Brian Wolff


Marshall Church Assistants
 *December 3—Chloe Whipple
 *December 10—Trent Canterbury
 *December 17—Logan Fasbender
 *December 24—Isaac Himebaugh
 *December 31—Kelsey Mensink

Little Cedar Church Assistants
 *December 3—U: Kiyanna Meyer G: Alizha Kappers
 *Communion Family—Greg Crumb
 *December 10—U: Olivia Matheis G: Eli Wolff
 *December 24—U: Chase Johnson G: Olivia Matheis
 *Communion Family—Eli Wolff
 *December 31—U: Alizha Kappers G: Kiyanna Meyer

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



Little Cedar Worship Assistants
 *December 3—Micah Johnson
 *December 10—Abby Sorgatz
 *December 24—Cody Krull
 *December 31—Coltan Bryan



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

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is December 10th.

Ushers: Cody Crumb & Noah Milks
 Readers: Emily Conroy & Cole Medgaarden

Little Cedar Communion Helpers
 December 3—Lydia Wik

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

**Little Cedar Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017**

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday November 15, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Bryce Nelson. The mission statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Steve Schroeder. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson (following Confirmation class), Mike Lamp, Linda Logsdon, Joe Matheis, Bryce Nelson, Lahoma Retterath, Dixie Rose, Steve Schroeder, Sherry Schotanus, Janet Stephenson, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Sarah Mergen, Nancy Thalberg, Shari Wagner, Susan Ydstie.

Secretary's Report: Correction to read that November meeting will start at 7:00. Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Linda Logsdon to accept the secretary's report as corrected. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you notes for donations given to Winona and Mankato State Universities Lutheran Campus Ministries and Ronald McDonald House were read. Thank you notes from Amy DeHoogh and the Merle Nelson family were also read.

Treasurer's Report: Millie presented the treasurer's report and a financial report on the lutefisk dinner. A total profit of around \$6,800 was made for the dinner. Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Steve Schroeder to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-**Building:** Joe Matheis reported that the furnace was repaired and updated

-**Cemetery:** Janet Stephenson gave a copy of all proposed changes to cemetery by-laws and cemetery trust fund by-laws to council members to review. A copy of proposed changes will be sent to congregation members 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Proposed changes will be voted on at annual meeting.

-**Daycare:** The State is in its final evaluation and we are hoping to open after Thanksgiving. The daycare is still in need of another employee. Contact Kate Wiste if interested.

-**Life and Missions:** Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Joe Matheis that we give each of our four employees \$100 cash for a Christmas gift. Carried.

Outstanding Business: None

New Business: Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Steve Schroeder to approve the proposed changes by the cemetery committee to the cemetery trust fund by-laws and cemetery by-laws. Carried.

-There **will be** a 9:00 worship service on Sunday, December 24, as well as the 5:00 evening service. There will be no worship service on Christmas Day.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be gone the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Nancy Thalberg will give devotions at the December meeting.

The council will meet on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 for a potluck meal at the Jan Weness home.

Cause of the Month for December will be the Good Gifts Tree.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness Secretary

Little Cedar Church Council





Marshall Lutheran Church
November 1, 2017
Council meeting

Exodus 20:8

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

What does this mean? We are to fear and love God so that we do not neglect his Word and the preaching of it, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council secretary.

Topics

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow

Pastor Jeremy - Note items:

- Will be participating in a theology conference in the La Crosse area 11/5-7.
- Sunday, 11/26 will be out of town to see family. A chaplain from St. Marys will conduct services.

Secretary's report was read, financial and treasurer's reports were given.

- Total offering for October - \$6880.00
- Cause of the Month offering, for Disaster Relief for \$332.00

Forrest moved to accept the reports; Gus offered a second.

Old Business:

- November COM planned for Gerard Academy
- December COM will be for the Sunday school program.
- Received a thank-you from Lutheran Social Services for financial counseling donation.
- Schmitz Electric has winterized the furnaces and changed filters.
- Auction raised approximately \$3000.00

New Business:

- Need for weather stripping on two main doors. Forrest offered to take care of this item.
- Inquire about lights in dark corners in the basement kitchen/counter areas. Is it possible to use a portable LED that won't require an Electrician and additional wiring? Dawn to inquire.
- Congregation will provide a meal at the Salvation Army, in Austin, on Tuesday, 11/14. Tricia and Gary will help to serve the meal. If others are interested/able to help please contact them.
- Sarah will share information regarding Gerard Academy (December COM) prior to services Sunday, 11/5.

Note item: Discussion of cemetery funds - CD interest is added to the 'Cemetery Fund'. The general fund has previously covered expenses as/if needed (no recent need). Memorials are added to the fund and used for annual costs.

Move to adjourn from Jerry with second from Larry, closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Members

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| Craig Hanson | X | Pastor Jeremy Johnson | X | Sarah McKay | X |
| Julie Hanson | X | Dawn Kiefer | X | Andrew Sprau | X |
| Forrest Himebaugh | X | Gary Kulow | X | Jerry Sprau | X |
| Gus Johnson | X | Tricia Kulow | X | Larry Underdahl | X |

X = Present O = Absent

Christmas in the Barn

Sun. December 10th @ 6pm

Kevin and Jill Sathre Farm

66765 140th 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!