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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse

**December 2019**



**John 1:1-5,14-18**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 14 And 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.'") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No 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 ADVENT LITTLE CEDAR AND MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCHES,**

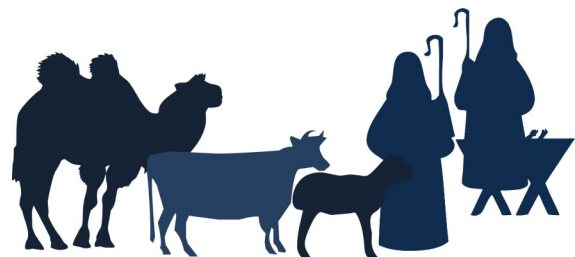
I hope you are all doing well as we make our way into winter! Certainly getting cold out there! In our house the Christmas tree has been put up and the garland hung. The twinkling lights of a Christmas tree are beautiful to see. It gives a sense of peace.

As we make our way into Advent we light our candles of the Advent Wreath every week. Each candle has a name. Typically, peace, hope, joy and love, but that can vary a bit. The tradition of the Advent Wreath is a relatively new tradition. It dates back to about the time of Martin Luther, but really didn't take hold until the 1930s in the United States.

As we make our way into winter with the nights getting longer and the daylight getting shorter, remember Jesus as the light that is coming into the world. May Jesus, God's Word made flesh dwell in each one of this this Christmas season. My blessing to you is that you would feel the sense of peace, hope and joy that can only come through the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Wishing you a blessed, fun, fulfilling, and safe Christmas!

In Christ, *Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**December 4th**

Marshall Council

**December 8th**

Marshall Sunday School  
Christmas Program

**December 15th**

Little Cedar Sunday School  
Christmas Program

**December 18th**

Little Cedar Council Meeting



**Christmas Schedule**

**Sunday School Programs**

Marshall ~ December 8th ~ 10:30am

Little Cedar ~ December 15th ~ 9:00am

**Christmas Eve Worship**

Tuesday ~ December 24th

Little Cedar ~ 5:00pm

Marshall ~ 7:30pm



... there was no room  
for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7, KJV

December 2019

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

- Lynn Sathre ~ Terry Emanuel ~ Jon Osmundson ~ Lahoma Retterath
- Curt Hamilton ~ Mary Finbraaten ~ Marcelle Voigt ~ MaryAnn Munson
- Pete Lonergan ~ Alice Koball ~ Mel Thome ~ Ramona Hanson
- Dan Morgan ~ Judy Johnson ~ Donnis Allen
- Dawn Weaver (Daughter of Neil & Judy Johnson)
- Linda Hendrickson (Kristina Matheis Mother)
- Roger Heimgartner (Ken Hartwigs brother in law)
- Mary Bergene (daughter-in-law of Dorothy Bergene)
- Arron (Grandson of June Wolf)

**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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Daycare News

November 2019



We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and got their bellies full! Thanks to Bryce and Kelly Nelson for the Thrivent card! We will be using it towards a quad stroller so we will be able to go on more walks

this coming year with our young group. We learned about the color brown by making a collage of brown items. This month we met a new shape, Responsible Ralph the Rectangle. We went on a rectangle hunt around the room. Learned the letters G, H and I and numbers 7 and 8. The kids learned new songs about turkeys, goats, Veteran's Day, bears and Thanksgiving. We made turkey handprints that turned out so cute! Looking forward to December and the memories we will be making!

*Kate Wiste*, Director  
Little Cedar Daycare



**Christmas In the Barn**



Sunday Dec. 8th @ 6:00pm

Kevin & Jill Sathre Farm

66765 140th Street,

Adams, MN 55909

Dress Warm. Bring an item for the

Southland food Shelf

All are welcome!!!

**+++ Little Cedar Cemetery Rates +++**

**~Little Cedar Cemetery Rates~**

The Little Cedar Church Council has voted to raise the cost of a cemetery lot from \$200.00 to \$300.00 effective January 1, 2020. If you are interested contact Janet Stephenson at:

[jstephenson04@gmail.com](mailto:jstephenson04@gmail.com)

or 507-438-6022

**Advent Giving!**

During Advent, we will have several ways to give back during the holidays!

**Food Shelf Reverse Advent Calendar** - Take home the calendar and stick it to your fridge. Each day, add the assigned item for the day to the box. Then bring in the items for the week every Sunday to add to our pile of donations, or bring all the items in on Christmas Eve to donate to the food shelf.

**ELCA Good Gifts** - The Christmas tree with Good Gifts ornaments will be out again. Place your donation in the envelope and drop in the box. Then grab your ornament to bring home to place on your tree at home.

**Hat and Mitten Tree** - This year the hat and mitten tree will work a little different. The tree will have cards with needed items of clothing for local families. Grab a card, go shopping for the item, and then place the item with the card back on the tree. It will be a much needed Christmas gift for a local child.



**Marshall WELCA Collecting Thankoffering**

There will be a container in the back of church for you to place your Thank Offering.

**Please make checks payable to:**

Marshall WELCA



**Cause of the Month for December**

**Marshall**

“Sunday School”

**Little Cedar**

“Advent Giving”






**Service Group #2**

Name	Phone #1
Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden	N-438-7398 S-438-3820
Ken & Becky Hartwig	B-4383621
Sarah & Kyle Mergen	421-2184
Jaymie Poshusta Family	582-1015
Linda Gilles	582-7734
Mavis Wermager	584-6628
Lamonte & Julie Gray	582-3437
Kevin Hanson	507-325-4597
June Hanson	433-5886
Richard & Pat Hinz	582-3466
Norm & Joan Hoeft	582-3564
Bryant & Ann Hokeness	507-584-6812
Duane & Meridee Wigham	582-3125
Alice Wiste	582-7752
Penny Gilson	438-8884
Bill & Linda Jahn	507-202-3295
Den & Cathy Sumner	440-5068
Jon Gilles	438-7947
Jeremy & Sandy Johnson	481-4394
Nancy Decker	582-3602

Email	
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**January 2020**  
**Communion Clean Up**  
 January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Deliver Meals on Wheels**  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>  
**Coffee Hours**  
 January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Serve any functions requested**



**December Usher**

**John Jax    582-7797**


**USHERS**

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

**Sunday School Christmas Programs**

Marshall ~ December 8th

Little Cedar ~ December 15th



**READERS**

Month/Date	Little Cedar	Marshall
Dec 1st	John Logsdon	Dale Himebaugh
Dec 8th	Eli Wolff & Carter Johnson	Jan Johnson
Dec 15th	Millie Weness	Dawn Kiefer
Dec 22nd	Kristina Matheis	Sarah McKay
Dec 29th	Steve Schroeder	Len Mensink

Senior High LYO was not able to meet in November due to busy schedules & weather. We hope to have our Christmas party and service project soon. Stay tuned for details.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lexi Smith  
Secretary



Our Junior High Christmas Party will be in early January. Watch for details.

## Little Cedar Sunday School News

The Christmas Program is Sunday, December 15 at 9am.



Poinsettia Order Forms are available for you to fill out and drop off in the church office . Deadline will be Dec.13th. Cost \$8.00

If you wish to join prayer pals please contact  
Joni Osmundson @ 582-3620



Please let us know by December 15th

Prayer Pals will meet @ 11:30 on

**Friday, Dec. 27th @ Bubbles**

### Readers and Communion

#### Helpers Needed at Little Cedar

The list for Readers for Sunday Worship is in need of some more volunteers. You will only be asked to read **Twice a year!** If we get enough volunteers not even that many times.. Please let the Office know if you would be willing to be put on the list.

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Communion Helpers for the 1st Sunday of each month are also needed. Again contact the Office if you would be willing to volunteer for this job. Thank you ♥

### ATTENTION Members of Little Cedar Lutheran Church!

The Little Cedar council has been working hard this past year to review our constitution and bylaws. Our constitution and bylaws are an important guide to how we work as a church. As church communities continue to evolve, our church documents continue to change as well.

You will be receiving a mailing of the changes that are being voted on very soon. We hope these changes will help us to continue working efficiently as a church.

At our annual meeting on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the proposed changes will be reviewed, discussed, and approved. We would invite you to join us for the annual meeting to review and celebrate the important ministries of Little Cedar!

# Youth & Education News Continued

## **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

We do not have class on December 25th for Christmas Break.

## **Confirmation Meals**

December 4—Brad

December 11—Cody

December 18—Kendra



## **Marshall Church Assistants**

- \*December 1—Ella
- \*December 8—Jessie
- \*December 15—Julia
- \*December 22—Bryson



## **Little Cedar Church Assistants**

- \*December 1—U: Riley G: Cody
  - \*Communion Family—Hope
- \*December 8—U: Coltan G: Riley
  - \*December 22—U: Abby G: Micah
    - \*Communion Family—Adelyn
- \*December 29—U: Gavin G: Kendra

## **Little Cedar Worship Assistants**

- \*December 1—Justin
- \*December 8—Beau
- \*December 22—Mya
- \*December 29—Cameron

## **Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is December 8th.**

Ushers: Noah Lamp & Sara Conroy  
Readers: Eli Wolff & Carter Johnson

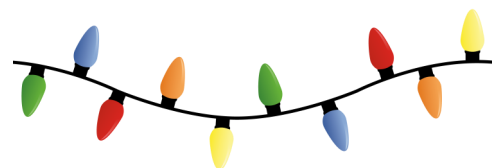


## **Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour is December 1st**

Lead—Tracy, Angie & Lexi Smith

## **Little Cedar Communion Helpers**

December 1—Kiyanna Meyer  
December 22—Malina Luke



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT CHURCH ON YOUR GIVEN SUNDAY, PLEASE CONTACT TARA ASAP SO SHE CAN MAKE A SWITCH.**



**Marshall Lutheran Church**

November 6, 2019

Council meeting



Submitted by, Dawn Kiefer

<p><b>Meeting was called to order by Rod Sprau Council President</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Jeremy updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reminder of adult Bible study, 'The Kings'.</li> <li>● Food pack was a success with 14,000 meals prepared. Still taking donations to cover costs for anyone wanting to contribute.</li> <li>● Micah will be having chest surgery in February at SMH. Hopeful for good outcomes and appreciate prayers for the family.</li> </ul>
<p>Secretary's report was read, financial and treasurer's reports were given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Total offering for October \$3,950.35/\$\$262.30 COM (Salvation Army).</li> <li>● November Cause of the Month offering will be for the Gerard Academy.</li> <li>● Motion by Craig to accept the reports; motion second from Chris. Motion carried</li> </ul>
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Donna will use COM matching funds to purchase additional items, such as blankets, to go with socks.</li> <li>● Fall auction to be held Sunday, 10/27.</li> <li>● Thanksgiving service will be held at Marshall this year. (Coconut cream pie requested.)</li> <li>● Any interested Marshall members for the trip to Central Lutheran 11/25? (announcement for the bulletin)</li> <li>● Need for two members to server dinner at the Salvation Army, Tuesday, 11/12. Needed at 4:45 for 1.5 – 2 hours. (announcement for the bulletin)</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Good Earth Village to share information with congregation during services Sunday, 12/8.</li> <li>● Carie to confirm Christmas program date 12/8 or 12/15....believe 12/15 is a back-up date in case of bad weather.</li> <li>● Auction was a success with \$2044.00 raised.</li> <li>● Proposed 2020 budget to be prepared in December.</li> <li>● Gus, Andrew and Tricia have completed their terms on the council. Nominating committee of Gary Kulow, Forrest Himebaugh, and Julie Hanson to secure replacements. New council member terms begin after the annual meeting in January.</li> </ul>
<p>Move to adjourn from Linda with second from Len. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.</p>

Carie Hanson	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink	O
Craig Hanson	X	Dawn Kiefer	X	Donna Osmundson	X
Chris Himebaugh	X	Tricia Kulow	X	Andrew Sprau	X
Gus Johnson	X	Linda Ludwig	O	Rodney Sprau	X





The Little Cedar Church council met on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Joe Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Pastor Jeremy gave devotions. Present: Mary Conroy, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Joe Mathies, Lyn Meany, Sarah Mergen, Carrie Sorgatz, Janet Stephenson, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Becky Hartwig. Absent: Lydia Frank, Sherry Shotanus.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Becky Hartwig that the minutes be accepted as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie reviewed the report. There is a negative balance of -\$3966.38. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by John Jax, that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Committee Reports:**

-Cemetery – There have been 25 plots sold in the cemetery. The price goes up January 1, 2020

-Daycare – Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Carrie Sorgatz, that the day care director be given online information only access to the daycare account. Carried. Gabrielle Smith has been hired as day care assistant.

-Finance – The committee has met and planned the 2020 budget.

-Life and Mission – Pastor will check with the school to see if they need donations at Christmas. Lutheran World Relief Good Gifts tree will be put out before Christmas.

-Personnel – the committee met and did reviews on all the employees. They gave the finance committee recommendations on raises for 2020.

**Pastor's Report:** GEV is coming to the December 8, worship service to give an update on the camp.

-Pastor and Tara met with Margaret Neuvirth and Amy DeHoogh concerning elementary religious ed. for the next school year. The Catholics would appreciate using our building for release classes. The council agreed to allow them to use a classroom.

-Pastor and family are going to Europe for 2 ½ weeks next summer and will visit several religious sites. Pastor has applied to the Synod for a sabbatical during that time and for a grant for assistance to LC and Marshall to hire pulpit supply. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by John Jax to allow pastor to explore taking a sabbatical in May of next year. Carried.

-A staff member from the Synod will be here in January, to teach the Confirmation students about what the synod does. A council member is asked to speak to the Confirmands also.

**Outstanding Business:**

-Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Mary Conroy the council approve the proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws and that there will be a final vote on the changes at the annual meeting. Carried.

-A committee will look into purchasing blinds for the windows in the east Sunday school rooms.

**New Business:** It was decided to add two more handicapped parking spots.

-Millie reviewed the 2020 budget. It will be approved at the December meeting.

The next council meeting is Wednesday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. Millie will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

