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# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse

## December 2022



### Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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



TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.

*Matthew 1:22, ESV*

### HAPPY ADVENT LITTLE CEDAR AND MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCHES,

Advent is officially upon us! This means Christmas is just around the corner! The best season of the year! Many of us can hardly wait for Christmas :) During advent we light the Advent wreath one candle at a time. By lighting one candle each week of Advent, we help ourselves to get ready for the birth of Jesus. As you may know, each candle is given a name. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.

There are some other ways that we can remember and prepare of the birth of Christ. I invite you to do so in a few different ways. First off, spend some time in scripture. During lent, read the first couple of chapters of the gospel of Matthew and Luke. This is where you find the birth narrative of Jesus.

Second, join together with the community to remember and share in the joy of Christ. Marshall has their Christmas program on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Little Cedar has theirs on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We will also be having a community Drive-thru Live Nativity in the Little Cedar parking lot on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30.

Then also prepare for the birth of Christ by reaching out to someone in need. Christ came down to earth to bring hope to the despaired, heal the sick, feed the hungry, and bring the good news to those who feel lost. Bring to someone in need, HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE!

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 Program**

*Sunday School Programs*

*Marshall Dec. 11th @ 10:30am*

*Little Cedar Dec. 18th @ 9:00am*

*Christmas Worship Schedule*

*Christmas Eve @ Little Cedar @ 5:00pm*

*Christmas Eve @ Marshall @ 7:30pm*

*Christmas Day @ Little Cedar @ 9:00am*

*Christmas Day ~ No Worship at Marshall*



*For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;*

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

Tillie Schotanus ~ Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klautd ~ Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier  
Maureen & Wayne Underdahl ~ Pastor Wayne Quibell

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

**Weddings:**

LC: Amy Voigt & Jacob Mandler



**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



*Blink and November is gone! Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to spend it with family and friends! This month was filled with illness and crazy schedules. We had influenza, RSV and colds circulate. Luckily, they were all mild. We have been outside a little bit. The kids are slowly adjusting to all the extra layers and colder temperatures. We are fully staffed and things are running smoothly! We have been busy making memories and projects. Some of the artwork we have done are handprint turkeys, handprint pumpkins and headbands with leaves and prayers. The kids are very excited to decorate for Christmas and of course get presents. Can't believe we are already talking about Christmas!!*

**Kate Wiste** ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director



♥Marshall Cause of the Month♥  
December 2022  
"Eagles Cancer Telethon"

### **\*DRIVE THRU LIVE NATIVITY\***

Sunday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:30pm Little Cedar Parking Lot. The story will come to life with live costumed characters and animals, all while listening to Christmas carols. This will be an opportunity for our community to come together and share in the joy and hope of the Christmas season.



ChurchArt Online | www.churchart.com

**A free-will will offering will be taken for the Southland Education Foundation and The Mower County Back Program**



*It's time to order Poinsettia's. Forms are available in the church Narthex at Little Cedar and in the entryway at Marshall.*

*Fill it out and place it in Kathy's Office or at Marshall give to Pastor Jeremy. Cost will be \$12.00 make your checks out to Little Cedar Church.*

***Deadline for ordering will be Dec 12<sup>th</sup> .***



**Prayer Pals:** Little Cedar Prayer Pals is available for everyone♥ We gather once a year. We get a name and remember that person in pray all year! All are welcome!

Any questions or interest in being part of Prayer Pals call Joni 507-582-3620.

2022 Prayer Pals will gather @ Bubbles on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for Lunch and reveal our prayer pals.

# Worship Assistants & Service

## Little Cedar Service Group #1

### Co-Chairs: Bruce & Mary Bergene and Bob & Marlene Hanson

\*\*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!

- Brian & Teresa Bergene
- Shari Wagner
- Bryce & Kellie Nelson
- Deb Fasbender
- Larry & Bev Bowers
- Russell & Karen Anderson
- Dorothy Triplett
- Craig & Lynn Helgeson
- Sarah & Kyle Mergen
- Justin & Lynnette Gerber
- Steve & Pam Bamrick
- Kevin Kelley
- Paige & Karsen Ulwelling
- Amy Mandler



**Communion Clean-Up**  
December 4 and 24

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**  
December 19 through 30

**Coffee Hour**  
(not the 4th—that is LYO)  
December 11th and 18th  
(18th is the Christmas Program)

And any functions that are requested



**Little Cedar Readers**

**December 4**  
Joni Osmundson


**December 11**  
Abby & Wyatt

## THIS MONTH USHERS

### Head Usher for December



"I decided to give everyone on my list a 3-D printer and let them make their own gifts."



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

# Youth Worship Assistance

## Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

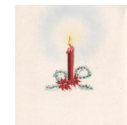
December 4—Heather Felten & Gregory

Helpers: JJ Smith Family



## Little Cedar High School

Communion Helpers



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

Ushers: Cody & Brad

Readers: Abby & Wyatt

## Little Cedar Ushers

December 18 — Kendra & Micah



## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

\*December 4—Usher: Liliana, Greeter: Mya, Communion: Justin

\*December 11—Usher: Justin, Greeter: Lauren

\*December 18—Greeter: Beau

## Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

\*December 4—Usher: Brecken, Communion: Brandt

\*December 11—CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

\*December 18—Usher: Alex, Communion: Lillian

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

\*December 4—Taya

\*December 11—Sadie

## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born



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

# Youth & Education News

## Little Cedar Sunday School News

We will have Program practice on December 4th and 11th. Our Christmas Program will be December 18th at 9:00am.

NO Class on December 25th or January 1st

## Marshall School News

We will have Program practice on December 4th. Our Christmas Program will be December 11th at 10:30am.

NO Class on December 18th, 25th or January 1st.

## Confirmation Schedule & Meals

December 7—Regular Class Meal Family—Lagerstedt's

December 14—Regular Class Meal Family—Helgeson's

We do not have class on December 21st.



## Senior High Youth Group

Our November meeting was scheduled for November 20th to go on a field trip to the Buddhist Temple in Hampton. Unfortunately our tour guide got sick so we cancelled our monthly meeting. Our next meeting is in January and is our Christmas Party but we will help with the Live Nativity in December as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Coltan Bryan



## Junior High Youth Group

Watch for details on our next meeting. It probably will be in January for our Christmas party.



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

<b>Topics</b>	
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President	
Pastor Jeremy updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Release for the middle and high students will begin November 16.</li> <li>• The high school LYO students are planning a trip on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> to the Buddhist temple near Hastings, MN to learn more about the Buddhist religion.</li> <li>• The Pork Loin Dinner was successful. The LYO served around 250 people.</li> <li>• Shirley Gangstad will preach on November 27th.</li> </ul>	
Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total offering for October \$7570/ \$392 for the Winona Campus Ministry Food Pantry.</li> <li>• November Cause of the Month offering will be for Gerard Academy.</li> </ul> Motion to accept reports from Kevin -----with second from Gary. Motion carried.	
<b>Old Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurance claim for water damage in the basement – a check has been received from the insurance company for carpet, linoleum, paneling and trim damage. We will try to get quotes from D &amp; E Carpets and Classic Carpets for replacement of the carpet in the dining room and linoleum in the bathroom. We will also contact Tom Kiefer for a quote to replace the paneling the basement entry area. Len will be talking to the insurance company about other expenses concerning the damage.</li> <li>• Thrivent Bond account – Gary was unable to get a response from the Thrivent agent in Austin so will now try to contact Nick Hale, a Thrivent agent in Stewartville. We will need to get signature cards signed for the Bond account.</li> <li>• Volunteers are needed to go to Central Lutheran on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> to help prepare and serve the Thanksgiving meal and take the socks and other items collected up.</li> <li>• Marshall serves the Salvation Army meal on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Gary and Len volunteered to help serve the meal.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marshall Church annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> after church.</li> <li>• The nominating committee for 2023 is Chris Himebaugh and Dawn Kiefer. The council terms for Andrew Sprau, Kevin Hanson, Tricia Kulow and Dale Himebaugh will be done on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023</li> <li>• The Constitution committee has continued to meet and has completed and submitted the new Constitution to be reviewed and discussed by the church council.</li> <li>• Two of the lights in the dining room need to be replaced. Dale will check into the cost of replacing all of the lights to LED.</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 Church council met on Wednesday, **November 17, 2022**, at 7:30 p.m. Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Holly Meyer, Chris Roser, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Carol Matheis, Spenser Medgarden, Tracy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by acting chair, John Jax. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Nancy Thalberg.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes were read from both Lutheran Campus Center Winona and Lutheran Campus Center Mankato for the donations sent to their campus ministries.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Holly, seconded by Chris to accept the October report as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie reviewed the report and expressed a real concern about how giving has been down considerably since last year. Motion by Jan, seconded by Holly to accept the report as printed. Carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**-Building:** Joe Matheis will plow the parking lot and Eric Boe and Sons will clean sidewalks after snowfalls this winter.

**-Life and Missions:** The committee will be serving lunch after the joint service on Sunday, November 21. The committee will distribute poinsettias to our members over 80 in December.

**-Youth and Education:** Tara provided a printed report which is attached. The Christmas program is December 18. Pastor has 35 students in his high school and Tara has 27 students in her middle school religious release classes.

**Pastor's Report:** Shirley Gansted will do pulpit supply the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The council agreed to allow Pastor to use his fourth Sunday off for the year on New's Year Day, as it falls on a Sunday.

### **Outstanding Business:**

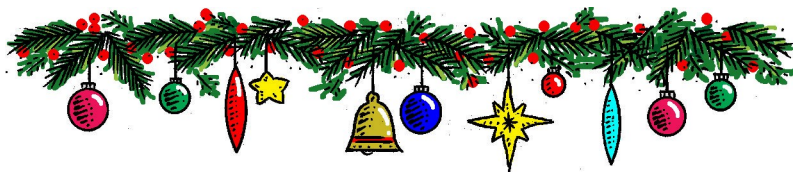
**-Meatball Dinner:** The committee reported that 570 meatball dinners were served on November 6. The final financial report is not available yet.

Thanks to the committee and congregation for a job well done. The proceeds from the dinner will be used for mission work.

### **New Business:**

**-Budget:** Millie reviewed the proposed budget for 2023. Action on the proposed budget will be taken at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



*Jan Weness, Secretary*