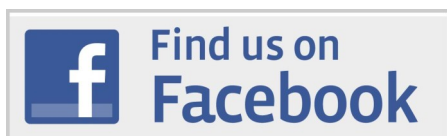


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**2024**



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Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly

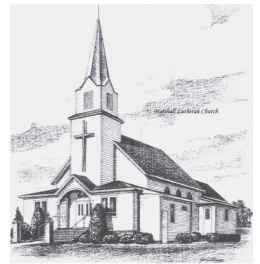


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# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



## 1 John 4:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!



Lent is not far away. Lent officially begins with Ash Wednesday, on February 14<sup>th</sup>. That is right, Ash Wednesday lands on Valentine's Day. You get to take your Valentine out for a romantic soup and bread dinner!

Simultaneously, the world celebrates Valentine's Day—a day dedicated to love, affection, and the bonds that connect us with one another. While the secular observance often focuses on romantic love, it is an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on the broader concept of love as a divine gift. God's love for us is unwavering and unconditional, and it is this love that empowers us to love one another.

The intersection of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day invites us to explore the profound connection between divine love and our human expressions of love. The Apostle John reminds us in 1 John 4:19, "We love because he first loved us." As we receive the mark of ashes on our foreheads, let it serve as a visual reminder of the sacrificial love demonstrated by Christ on the cross—a love that calls us to reflect it in our relationships with others.

During this season, consider incorporating acts of love and kindness into your Lenten journey. Whether it be reaching out to a friend in need, reconciling with a loved one, or volunteering to help those less fortunate, let our actions be a testament to the transformative power of God's love working through us.

In Christ,

*Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**February 7th**  
Marshall Council

**February 14th**  
Ash Wednesday

**February 21st**  
Little Cedar Council

**Lenten Schedules**

Ash Wednesday  
February 14th @ Little Cedar  
Soup Supper @ 6:00pm  
Worship @ 7:00pm

**Lenten Worship Service Schedule**

February 21st @ Marshall  
February 28th @ Little Cedar  
March 6th @ Marshall  
March 13th @ Little Cedar  
March 20th @ Marshall



**2024**

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

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

Nancy Thalberg ~ Marlo Thorstenson ~ Al Fasbender  
Amy (Sprau) Lewison ~ Tami Heimer ~ Wayne Robertson ~ Larry Underdahl  
Steve Barrick ~ Ron Voigt ~ Karen Fasbender ~ Mavis Wermager  
Mason Meyer ~ Cindy Hamilton ~ Jean Munson ~ Bob Hanson (E)

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or in need of prayers  
please call the church office or let Pastor Jeremy know.

Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm  
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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**Pastors Bible Study**

Pastor Jeremy will be leading a Bible Study  
"Odds & Ends"  
on Thursdays  
@ 9:00am @ Little Cedar.  
We will look at the not so familiar  
books of the Bible. No need to sign up.

**\$\$\$\$ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS\$\$\$**

This is a reminder to designate your Choice Dollars for the New Year. Choice Dollars for the calendar year can be directed until March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

**♥MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH♥**

**FEBRUARY**

**"RONALD McDONALD HOUSE"**



**MARSHALL COUNCIL 2024**

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|-------------------|------------|
| Jan Johnson       |            |
| Lonny McKay       |            |
| Kathy Voigt       |            |
| Kevin Hanson      |            |
| Dale Himebaugh    |            |
| Leslie Heimer     |            |
| Forrest Himebaugh |            |
| Carie Hanson      | Treasurer  |
| Amber Hanson      | Secretary  |
| Len Mensink       | Chairman   |
| Gary Kulow        | Vice Chair |



**Marshall Council meets the  
1st Wednesday of each month**

**LITTLE CEDAR COUNCIL 2024**

- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| John Jax           |             |
| Lynn Johnson       |             |
| Tara Mandt         |             |
| Pat Sorenson       |             |
| Bryce Nelson       |             |
| Dixie Rose         |             |
| Joe Matheis        |             |
| Spencer Medgaarden | Co-Chairman |
| Holly Meyer        | Co-Chairman |
| Jan Weness         | Secretary   |
| Nancy Smith        | Financial   |
| Joe Matheis        | Financial   |
| Janet Stephenson   | Financial   |
| Lyndsey Hall       | Treasurer   |



**Little Cedar Council meets the  
3rd Wednesday of each month**

## Little Cedar Service Group #5

**Chairs: Earl & Jane Orvik**

Jeremy & Bonny Bryan	Geneva Hamilton
Patti Hamilton	June Hanson
Jim & Joni Osmundson	Jeremy & Sandy Johnson
Debbie Retterath	Kerry Webber
Chris & Cathy Roser	Lahoma Retterath
Brian & Lani Wolff	Larry & Tammy Wilson
Steve & Audrey Schroder	

### February 2024

**Communion Clean-Up**  
February 4 & 18

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**  
February 12 through 23

**Coffee Hour**  
February 11, 18 & 25  
(not February 4th)

**Serve any functions requested**



## February Soup Supper

Wednesday, February 14th—Ash Wednesday  
Little Cedar Service Groups 2 & 5

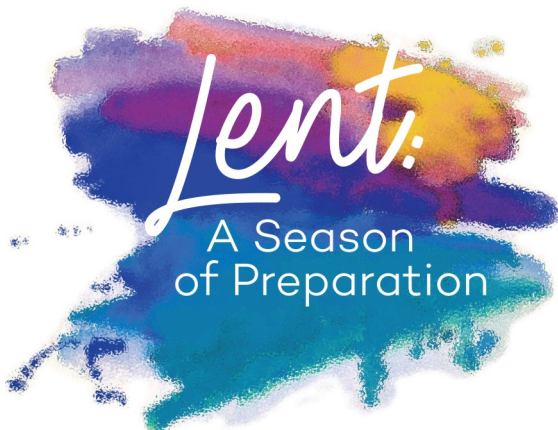
### Little Cedar Readers

**February 4th—Jan Weness**  
**February 11th—Liliana & Micah**  
**February 18th—John Logsdon**  
**February 25th—John Mueller**



*Marshall*  
*Wednesday, February 7th*  
*@ 7:30pm*

*Little Cedar*  
*Wednesday, February 21st @ 7:30pm*



### MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH

“RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE”

# Youth Worship Assistance

## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*February 4—Usher: Audrey, Greeter: Taya  
Communion: Lauren & parent
- \*February 11—Greeter: Addie
- \*February 18—Usher: Lauren, Greeter: Addison  
Communion: Addie & parent
- February 25—Usher: Addie, Greeter: Audrey



## Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- \*February 4—Usher: Aria, Communion: Brandt
- \*February 11—Usher: James
- \*February 18—Usher: Alyssa, Communion: Sara
- \*February 25—Usher: Aria



## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*February 4—Lane
- \*February 11—Sadie
- \*February 18—Harper
- \*February 25—Lane



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

Ushers: Cody & Nolan  
Readers: Liliana & Micah

## Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

February 4—Lead Family—Sorgatz Family  
Helper: Juliette Matheis



## Little Cedar High School Helpers

- February 4—Mya
- February 18—Beau

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 not have Sunday School on February 18th. We will sing on Palm Sunday, March 24th.



## Confirmation News

February 7—Regular Class—Supper, Sorgatz Family

Watch for details on our Lenten Schedule.

## High School Youth Group

Our January meeting was on January 7th. We went sledding at Steeplechase and then to Culver's for supper. It was a beautiful evening and a fun time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ella Mensink, Secretary



## Junior High Youth Group

Our next adventure is Rock Climbing. We are working on a date!

## ELCA Youth Gathering—July 15 through 21, 2024

We are all registered! We have 12 students and 4 adults attending. We will schedule our Bible studies and fundraiser meeting soon.





Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, 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>● Pastor Jackie is done with St. John’s and Evanger Lutheran Churches in January. Discussions will be happening with the Synod as well as our churches to determine next steps going forward.</li> <li>● Youth Group Christmas Parties are coming up. High schoolers will be going tubing on Sunday and next week, the junior high kids will be going bowling.</li> <li>● Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Little Cedar, and then alternating between Little Cedar and Marshall each Wednesday after that.</li> <li>● The Sunday before Palm Sunday (March 17<sup>th</sup>) Jeremy will be gone. He is contacting a pastor to fill in during his absence.</li> <li>● Marshall’s Annual Report will be emailed out this year to all members.</li> </ul>
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Total offering for December \$12,700.00/\$397.25 for the Cause of the Month.</li> <li>● January Cause of the Month offering will be for The Landing</li> <li>● Next month – February Cause of the month – Ronald McDonald House</li> </ul> <p>Motion to accept reports from Kevin -----with second from Gary. Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Basement repairs are underway with next steps being to paint and then it will be completed.</li> <li>● The finance committee made salary recommendations for next year for each of the employees. Shared expenses were also discussed, and Little Cedar will review, but everything will remain the same for now in 2024.</li> <li>● Generic envelopes will be placed in the church this week and Jeremy will explain to congregation this Sunday that they are welcome to grab them. It will also be explained that loose change or cash goes to the Cause of the Month, while checks or money in the envelope goes directly to the church in the General Fund.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It was discussed whether or not both churches should have a Thanksgiving Eve service going forward due to low attendance. Council will discuss and decide later this year.</li> <li>● The 2024 Budget was discussed. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Kathy to move the secretarial charges above the line into the Little Cedar Shared Expenses. Motion Carried. Another motion was made by Jan and seconded by Gary to approve the 2024 Budget as written.</li> <li>● A date still needs to be determined for the annual joint council meeting with Little Cedar.</li> </ul>
Motion to adjourn from Kevin with second from Gary. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Darrell Gordon (T)		Dale Himebaugh (Finan. Secy)	X	Lonny McKay (T)	
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Jan Johnson	X	Gib Siemers (T)	
Amber Hanson (Secy)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink	X
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Kathy Voigt (D)	X





The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, January 25, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jan Weness, Joe Matheis, John Jax, Holly Meyer, Lynn Johnson, Pat Sorenson, Spencer Medgaarden, Tara Mandt. Absent: Lyndsey Hall, Dixie Rose, Bryce Nelson, Pastor Jeremy Johnson. The meeting was called to order by Holly Meyer. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Jan Weness.

Motion by Jan, seconded by John to nominate Holly Meyer and Spencer Medgaarden to be co-chairmen of the council. Carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by John, seconded by Tara to accept the report as printed. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes from the food shelf committee, Amy De Hoogh, and Lavonne Bergstrom were read.

**Treasurer's Report:** The printed report was reviewed. Motion by Jan, seconded by Spencer to accept the report as printed. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

-Building: Joe has done some comparison of heating costs since new boiler installed. They are lower than last year, but the weather has also been more moderate.

-Daycare: There is a need for more assistant help in the daycare. Emily is on maternity leave and the assistants are operating the daycare with it being closed on Fridays because of lack of staffing. A new refrigerator was purchased with grant money.

-Education: Tara will soon begin First Communion preparation with the fifth graders.

-Youth: Tara reported that she just returned from New Orleans where youth leaders were prepared for the Youth Gathering there next summer. She reported a very good meeting.

**Old Business:**

-Purchase of tables: It was decided at the last meeting to purchase 6 tables for the Fellowship Hall to replace old heavy tables with memorial money. Real Hope for the Hungry donated six table that they no longer use. Motion by John, seconded by Joe, to purchase 48 chairs to replace old and damaged chairs with the memorial money. Carried.

**New Business:**

-Committees: Council members signed up for committees.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. Tara will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness*, Secretary  
Little Cedar Council





## Lenten Skits

Calling all thespians! ...or anyone who is willing to read a script. During Wednesday Lenten services we will once again be hosting a series of skits. This year our series is titled "Eve." Evening, like Lent, is a time of waiting. The word Eve is often used the day before a special occasion. We will use the idea of Eve to explore what it means to be made new. The skits follow 4 friends that find themselves on the cusp of change as they graduate from high school. As usual, the skits are fairly simple. So, if you'd be willing to help out, please let Pastor Jeremy or the office know. Thanks!!

## Why's and Wonderings Sunday

This year I will give it a try again at answering some questions during the sermon time on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Questions of faith, of God, about the Bible, or our Lutheran Theology? So if you have a question for me, shoot me an email, Facebook message, or jot a note on a piece of paper for me in the next few days. I'll pick a few of your questions to answer on the 11<sup>th</sup>! To the best of my ability anyways. :)



Yesterday is history,  
 Tomorrow is a mystery,  
 today is a gift of God,  
 which is why we call it  
 the present