



March 2017

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Psalm 51:1-6

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
- ³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.



Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

Well Lent has begun! We begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. At the center of our Ash Wednesday service is the imposition of ashes. A cross of ashes is smeared across everyone's forehead as a symbol of our sinfulness and frailty. As a part of our imposition of ashes, we also have a time of confession of sins. We know that we are broken, the sinners that we are. And we come forward then to confess our sins.

It can be tough to confess our sins; admitting that we have fallen short. However, much of the reason that we can confidently come forward to confess our sins is because we are confident that God will forgive our sins. Martin Luther once said, "Be a *sinner* and sin boldly, but believe and rejoice in Christ even more boldly."

At the center of lent is somberness and sacrifice, but also at the center of Lent is a recognition of our brokenness and sinfulness, and need to be reconciled to God in forgiveness. I invite you during Lent to remember your sinfulness, and SIN BOLDLY! But EVEN MORE BOLDLY, remember the everlasting forgiveness found in Jesus Christ!

I hope you have a blessed and meaningful lent!

Pastor Jeremy

Important Dates

March 1st

Ash Wednesday
Service@LC
Marshall Council

March 15th

Little Cedar Council

Ash Wednesday Service @ Little Cedar
March 1st Soup Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm

Lenten Wednesday—Services Schedule

Soup Supper @ 6pm

Worship @ 7pm

March 8th ~ Marshall

March 15th ~ Little Cedar

March 22nd ~ Marshall

March 29th ~ Little Cedar

April 5th ~ Marshall



LENT

¹⁹“Don’t store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. ²⁰Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves. ²¹If your treasurers are in heaven, your heart will be there too. *Matthew 6:19-21*

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



June Wolf ~ Shari Wagner ~ Curt Hamilton
Gordon Klautd ~ Bob Weness ~ Mary Ann Munson
Ramona Hanson ~ Mary Finbraaten ~ Norma Larson
Dan Morgan ~ Lillian Sprau ~ Steve Vangness ~ Beverly Nordeng
Karen Kane & Raeann Kane (granddaughters of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)

Baptisms @ Little Cedar : Ashlyn Mavis Stroup, Parents Jonathan & Laura

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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Adult Education Opportunity

With the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation this year, we will take time during Lent to learn about the history of the Reformation. We will watch together and discuss a documentary hosted by Rick Steve's called Luther and the Reformation. Please join Pastor Jeremy on Wednesday evenings during Lent at Little Cedar, March 1st, 15th, and the 29th from 5:00-6:00. You are then invited to stick around for the Lenten soup supper and worship. This will be a fairly casual time so please come when you can.

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

Beginning Balance Jan. 1	\$ 162.77
Income through Jan.	\$12,554.93
<u>Expenses through Jan.</u>	<u>\$18,403.30</u>
Balance January 31, 2017	\$ -5,685.60



Lenten Challenge. I dare ya! We invite you during the season of Lent to read through the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is unique compared to the other 3 Gospels, and is

filled with many gems that can't be found elsewhere. You have two options. Number 1. Bring home the reading plan bookmark, put it in your Bible, and put your Bible somewhere that you won't forget. Number 2. Sign up for the Bibl-E-Study if you haven't already. During Lent, an email will be sent out each morning with the assigned reading for the day. Along with a little fun, as always! Enjoy!



February was a month of learning about the heart in our body, heart shape and color pink for Valentine's. We celebrated Valentine's Day by having a party with crafts, exchanging Valentine's cards and watching a movie. We learned what O,P and Q looked like and 9 and 10. This month was also dental hygiene month. Kids kept track for a week and chatted if they brushed their teeth day and night. They received a bag of goodies from Dr. Elrod, Green and Smith dentistry. We enjoyed the beautiful weather and playing in the sand, guess we will be able to play in the snow again though.

Cause of the Month

Marshall

“Brevig Mission“

Cause of the Month

Little Cedar

“Southland Food Shelf“



Women's Spring Event

When: Thursday, April 20, 2017

Where: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
in Rochester, MN

Time: Registration @ 4:45pm
Welcome & Dinner @ 5:30pm
Program at 6:00pm

Cost: \$15.00 Registration due April 10th

More information on Bulletin board by Office.



Service Group #6

Mark & Lilly Sorenson Family
 Lilly (438-6354) Mark (438-0804) Co-Chairperson
 Tracy & Angie Smith (440-5404) Co-Chairperson
 Larry & Ann Tompkins (582-7743)
 John & Cindy Jax (582-7797)
 Nancy Thalberg (582-3300)
 Nancy Smith (582-7826)
 Al & Pat Sorenson (582-3223)
 Randy & Janet Stephenson (433-7582)
 Kerry Stroup (437-4329)
 Jon & Laura Stroup (438-8995)
 Virgil Bergene (582-3254)
 Cathy Sumner (440-5068)
 LeRoy & Karen Swanson (582-3416)
 Marlo & Marilyn Thorstenson (582-3605)
 Dean Tipton (582-3417)
 Randy & RoeAnn Voigt (582-7717)
 Kendal & Deb Klaehn (582-3224)
 Gretchen Thome
 Mary Conroy (507) 298-0229



2017
March 15th Lenten Service soups
 Along with Group #5 will need a total of 10 large soups & 8 loaves of bread
March
 Communion Clean-up
 March 5th & 19th
 Coffee Hours
 March 12th, 19th, 26th
 Deliver Meals on Wheels
 March 20th thru 31st
 Serve any functions requested

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

Head Usher for March
 Brian Bergene
 437-8663

March Readers

March 5th	Cindy Jax
March 12th	Carter Johnson & Noah Lamp
March 19th	Pat Hinz
March 26th	Steve Schroeder

Upcoming WELCA Events
 July 11-13, 2017 — Tenth Triennial Convention
 Minneapolis, MN
 July 13-16, 2017 — Tenth Annual Triennial Gathering
 Minneapolis, MN



Quilters meet at Little Cedar
 Monday, March 6th
 @ 1:00pm

Youth & Education News

Senior LYO

(9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting is **March 12th. It is our month of service.** Stay tuned for details.

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**February Minutes** Our Senior High LYO meeting was on Sunday, February 12th. We joined together in an evening full of fun with friends. We played games and ate some delicious pizza during this bonding time. We also discussed our next Service Project and the annual 5th Qtr. More details on both of these events will be coming soon. Our next meeting will be held on March 12th.

Secretary, Kylie Poshusta



## Junior High Youth Group

(6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade )

Our next meeting will be Family Bowling. Watch for a date coming soon!

## You don't want to miss the fun!! Friday Night Fun is back!

For: All High School Students in 9th thru 12th Grade

When: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8pm to 11pm

Where: Little Cedar Fellowship Hall

Why: There is no game so what else is there to do?!?!?!?

What: We will have pizza, pop, snacks, KARAOKE, big screen video games, carpetball, foosball, air hockey, ping pong, swat and much more!

Cost: Nothing!

Tell your friends...hope to see you there!

**First Communion Classes** are from 5-6pm either in the Library at Little Cedar or in the church at Marshall depending on where worship is. After class, the students are encouraged to join with their families for the soup supper at 6pm and worship at 7pm. Our first class is Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

### This years students are:

#### Little Cedar

Micah Johnson  
Abby Sorgatz  
Heath Voigt

#### Marshall

Bryson Kellogg  
Ella Mensink



Our schedule is:

March 1st—Little Cedar

March 8th—Marshall

March 15th—Little Cedar

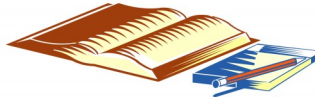
March 22nd —Marshall

March 29th—Little Cedar

April 5th—Little Cedar (we make our bread so it is easier to do that at Little Cedar so we will head out to Marshall after that is done!)

**First Communion Sunday is Palm Sunday—April 9th!**

# Confirmation Class



## Marshall Church Assistants

- \*March 5—Dylan Fasbender
- \*March 12—Nick Mensink
- \*March 19—Asa Smith
- \*March 26—Kelsey Mensink

## Little Cedar Church Assistants

- \*March 5—U: Chase Johnson G: Eli Wolff
  - \*Communion Family—Avery Medgaarden
- \*March 12—U: Kiyanna Meyer G: Alizha Kappers
- \*March 19—U: Olivia Matheis G: Lydia Wik
  - \*Communion Family—Kiyanna Meyer
- \*March 26—U: Avery Medgaarden G: Chase Johnson

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



**Don't forget to meet with your mentor at least 2 Sunday's to work on your packets and 1 Wednesday during Lent.**

## Worship Assistants



### March Coffee Hour

Lead Family: Jim, Tara, Colton & Ashlynn Mandt  
Helper Families: Cody Crumb & Noah Lamp

### Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*March 5—Coltan Bryan
- \*March 12—Cody Krull
- \*March 19—Brad Lagerstedt
- \*March 26—Gavin Mergen

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

- March 5—Maya Luke
- March 19—Noah Milks



### Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 12th

Ushers: Hannah McMasters and Rachel Meany  
Readers: Carter Johnson and Noah Lamp

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

Council Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017

**Topics**

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow with introduction of new members.

Pastor Jeremy opened with devotions.

Note items:

Ash Wednesday service at Little Cedar – loose change to go to the Youth for the Nat'l. gathering.

Maundy Thursday service – loose change to go to the food shelf.

Reformation study offered at Little Cedar before soup supper.

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

Total offering for Jan was \$3721.00

Cause of the Month offering, to the American Red Cross, was \$194.51

Gus moved to accept the reports, Larry offered a second.

**Old Business:**

Officers Gary Kulow, President and Larry Underdahl, Vice President were reinstated with nomination by Forrest, second from Craig.

February Cause of the Month – Salvation Army backpacks. Group suggests that information be shared with the congregation as to what this cause truly provides.

Discussion of steeple siding, repaint or replace? Council will revisit this topic in February.

Forrest will ask Leif for a quote to replace.

Gary will call contractor for possible partial refund.

Note - \$500 fee regardless to lower wiring for any work to take place

**New Business:**

April cause of the month will be 'Neighbor in Need'.

We'd like to share information regarding the food shelf and what they provide, perhaps in May, prior to COM in June - pounds of food collected, families served, churches participating, etc.

Installation of new officers will take place during services on Sunday, 2/12.

Meeting was adjourned by Craig with second from Larry, closing with The Lord's Prayer.

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

X = Present  
O = Absent



## Little Cedar Council Meeting Minutes February 2017

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bryce Nelson. The mission statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Linda Logsdon.

Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Mike Lamp, Linda Logsdon, Joe Matheis, Sarah Mergen, Bryce Nelson, Lahoma Retterath, Dixie Rose, Steve Schroeder, Sherry Schotanus, Janet Stephenson, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Susan Ydstie.  
Absent: Shari Wagner.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Mike Lamp that the secretary's report be accepted as written. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Thank you notes in appreciation of Christmas gifts and poinsettias were read. A thank you from Lutheran World Relief Good Gifts was received in appreciation of the \$487 sent to purchase animals.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Linda Logsdon, seconded by Lahoma Retterath that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

### Committees:

-Life & Missions: The committee will plan a celebration for the 100 year anniversary of the weekday school program.

-Personnel: Contracts for 2017 have been signed. The council came upon an agreement for the number of hours to be paid each week and the salary for the Junior High release teacher.

**Pastor's Report:** There will be skits during Lenten services again. Anyone interested in participating, talk to Pastor. The Lenten Bible Study will be on the Reformation.

**Outstanding Business:** Some goals for 2017 are to celebrate 100 years of the weekday school program and to review the Constitution and By-Laws.

### New Business:

Gabrielle Smith presented a proposal to paint the fellowship hall ceiling for her Senior Project. Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Susan Ydstie that we allow Gabrielle Smith to paint the ceiling in the fellowship hall with Little Cedar paying for the materials and paint. Motion carried.

Bryce Nelson will give devotions for the March meeting.

The March Cause of the Month will be the Southland Food Shelf as March is food shelf month.

The next council meeting is Wednesday, March 15th, at 7:30 p.m. after Lenten worship.

Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness, Secretary*





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