

Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches
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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse

March 2020



Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

Well Lent has begun! We began 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.

Ash Wednesday is one of my favorite services of the year. It is a time in which we remember God's grace. Although you are a broken and sinful people, God extends grace and mercy unto us. 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.

I spent some time reading some Lenten devotions the other day. I was struck by one poem of prayer in particular by Jan Richardson. I leave you with her poem.

I hope you have a blessed and meaningful lent!

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy

**Blessing the Dust
For Ash Wednesday**

All those days
you felt like dust,
like dirt,
as if all you had to do
was turn your face
toward the wind
and be scattered
to the four corners

or swept away
by the smallest breath
as insubstantial—

did you not know
what the Holy One
can do with dust?

This is the day
we freely say
we are scorched.

This is the hour
we are marked
by what has made it
through the burning.

This is the moment
we ask for the blessing
that lives within
the ancient ashes,

that makes its home
inside the soil of
this sacred earth.

So let us be marked
not for sorrow.
And let us be marked
not for shame.

Let us be marked
not for false humility
or for thinking
we are less
than we are

but for claiming
what God can do
within the dust,
within the dirt,
within the stuff
of which the world
is made
and the stars that blaze
in our bones
and the galaxies that spiral
inside the smudge
we bear.

—Jan Richardson

Important Dates

March 4th
Marshall Council

March 18th
Little Cedar Council

March 29th
Senior Sunday



March ~ Lent Worship Schedule

Soup Supper @ 6pm ~ Worship @ 7pm



Lenten Services

Weds. March 4th Lenten Worship @ Marshall

Weds. March 11th Lenten Worship @ Little Cedar

Weds. March 18th Lenten Worship @ Marshall

Weds. March 25th Lenten Worship @ Little Cedar



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

Eleanore Gordon ~ Shirley Thome ~ Micah Johnson ~ Tammy McMasters
Bev Vangsness ~ Jim Schroeder ~ Lynn Sathre ~ Terry Emanuel
Jon Osmundson ~ Curt Hamilton ~ Mary Finbraaten ~ Marcelle Voigt
John Munson ~ Alice Koball ~ Mel Thome ~ Ramona Hanson ~ Dan Morgan ~
Judy Johnson ~ Donniss Allen ~ Dawn Weaver (Daughter of Neil & Judy Johnson)
Linda Hendrickson (Kristina Matheis Mother)
Mary Bergene (daughter-in-law of Dorothy Bergene)
If you have a prayer request, please let the church office know.

Baptisms:

LC: Cooper Timothy Taylor—Mother Cassie Taylor



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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We are excited that the groundhog did not see his shadow this year so we made little groundhog puppets coming out of a hill! We are hoping Phil was right this year. We made an owl bag puppet for learning the letter O, pink pig with tiny clothes pin legs for our color and the letter P, a quail with the letter Q as the body and used Q tips for making a flower because we are thinking spring! We celebrated Valentine's Day by making heart windstocks, card holders from milk jugs, running in the Fellowship Hall since the weather was icky and ate a "little" bit of sugary treats! We learned the opposites tall and short and sequencing with building a snowman, 1st-4th steps. The kids made a craft necklaces for Presidents day and they are getting really awesome at singing Days of the Week, Months of the Year songs and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. We made a big tooth project for dental health month and discussed foods that make our teeth happy and sad. We have been able to get outside more and more which is great for ALL of us!

Kate Wiste, Director



Cause of the Month for March

Marshall

"NEIGHBOR IN NEED"

Little Cedar

"HOMELESS SERVICES FOR YOUTH"

Link Lutheran Social Services

♪♪♪♪♪Lent Music Madness♪♪♪♪♪



Ever wonder what's the greatest hymn of all time? Well, wait no longer! We are going to find out! During Lent we will be having a Lent Music Madness. In the style of an NCAA bracket, hymns will be eliminated during the season of Lent, leaving a champion crowned as "The Holiest of Hymns."

The First phase is over and we move on to brackets each week during Lent.

FAITH 5 Goes Digital



Faith 5 Goes Digital! Were you wanting take part in Faith 5, but just weren't able to make it work? Well! You're in luck! Faith 5 is going digital! Sign up with Pastor Jeremy or the church office to receive a weekly email from Pastor Jeremy during Lent. Faith 5 is a resource that helps to teach parents to pass along the faith to their children. The practice of Faith 5 helps families to connect with God and one another, connect church to home, and connect faith to daily life. The weekly email would include basic introductions to the Faith 5 practice, links to videos, questions to ponder, and practical tips for faith in the family. If you would be interested to participate, please contact Pastor Jeremy at pastorjeremy@frontier.com or text at 507-481-4394.

Time To Order Your Easter Lily/s



There will be forms to fill out at both

Little Cedar and Marshall

Cost is \$8.00 each

Deadline is April 3rd

Make your checks out to Little Cedar and place both your check and your form in the offering basket or leave in Kathy's Office. If you have any questions just give me a call or send me an email.

Service Group #1

Name	Phone #1
Bruce & Mary Bergene	438-7200
Bob & Marlene Hanson	507-251-6316
Brian & Teresa Bergene	437-8663
Shari Wagner	440-1458
Bryce & Kellie Nelson	440-9175
Deb Fasbender	582-7848
Larry & Bev Bowers	440-1898
Brad & Beth Stadheim	433-3221
Steve & Pam Bamrick	582-7787
Kevin Kelley	434-7646
Jaymie Poshusta	582-1015
Lamonte & Julie Gray	582-3437
Russell & Karen Anderson	433-4846
Dorothy Triplett	582-3287
Gayle & Lavonne Bergstrom	440-2818
Kerry Webber Family	438-8625
Michelle Chamberlin	507-272-5360
Sarah & Kyle Mergen	421-2184
Craig & Lynn Helgeson	438-6345

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March 2020

Communion Clean-Up
March 1st, 15th & 29th

Deliver Meals on Wheels
March 2nd through 13th


Coffee Hour
March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
*March 29 is Senior Sunday

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



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The new issue of the daily devotionals are now available at both churches. Please pick up your families copy!



March Usher

Jim Johnson 440-0617

Chans Meyer 440-0403

USHERS

READERS



Month/Date	Little Cedar	Marshall
March 1st	Bev Bowers	Jan Johnson
March 8th	Avery Medgaarden & Matthias Anderson	Dawn Kiefer
March 15th	Jan Weness	Sarah McKay
March 22nd	Lyn Meany	Len Mensink
March 29th	June Wolf	Cathy Sprau

Senior High LYOs February meeting was postponed due to bad weather. We hope to meet a few times in March before the year quickly wraps up.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexi Smith
Secretary



Early Bird Registrations have started for Good Earth Village Summer Camps. Go to www.goodearthvillage.org to check it out!

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2020

Senior Sunday will be on March 29th at both Little Cedar & Marshall.

Little Cedar

Sara Lynn Conroy

Parents: Mary and Sean

Dawson Thomas Gilson

Parents: Sean & Jill and Penny

Carter Eugene Johnson

Parents: Brad & Maria

Noah Philip Lamp

Parents: Mike & Lisa

Malina Dineah Luke

Parents: Lee & Lita

Ashlynn Mary Mandt

Parents: Tara & Jim

Alexis (Lexi) Rose Smith

Parents: Tracy & Angie

Marshall

Isaac Forrest Himebaugh

Parents: Forrest & Kathi

Haley Anne Whipple

Parents: Karla & Aaron



Seniors 2020

Southland Baccalaureate is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at St. John's Lutheran Church in Elkton.

Confirmation Service Project 2020

On any given night, 60 to 100 youth are experiencing homelessness in the Rochester and Southeastern Minnesota area. Since 2012, LSS has served youth who are, or are at risk of, experiencing homelessness through the Living Independently with Knowledge (LINK) program. They offer a wide range of services, training and tools to support youth in becoming productive, healthy and independent adults. They assist young people in meeting basic needs by providing food, clothing and information on how to access short-term shelter. At the end of March, our confirmation students and their mentors are will be putting together personal care kits and snack bags to help support the program. We invite you to help support this program by donating needed items for these kits. Find a list of needed items below.

Please turn in all donations by March 25th.

- Individually packaged snack items
 - o Granola bars
 - o Crackers
 - o Chips/snack mix
 - o Trail mix/dried fruit/nuts
 - o Fruit cups
- Shampoo
- Body wash/soap
- Men/women disposable razors
- Deodorant
- Tooth brush
- Tooth paste
- Comb/hair brush
- Wash clothes
- Nail clipper
- Towels

First Communion Sunday is April 5th. Here is the class schedule:

Wednesday, March 4th @ Marshall

Wednesday, March 11th @ Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 18th @ Marshall

Wednesday, March 25th @ Little Cedar

Wednesday, April 1st @ Marshall

Saturday, April 4th @ Little Cedar TBD *Family meeting & bread making

First Communion is Sunday, April 5, 2020

(Palm Sunday) 9:00am @ Little Cedar and 10:30am @ Marshall



Little Cedar Student: Lauren Sorgatz

Marshall Students: Colton Fasbender, James Heimer & Alyssa Himebaugh

Mark Your Calendars

We will Affirm the Baptism of Coltan Bryan, Cody Krull, Brad Lagerstedt, Gavin Mergen and Riley Walerak on Confirmation Sunday at Little Cedar on April 19th and Jessie Hanson, Julia Kiefer and Hope Stephens at Marshall on May 3rd.

Youth & Education News Continued

CONFIRMATION NEWS—Remember to meet with your mentors on one Wednesday night during Lent and make sure you have all your Sunday packet work done as well. Watch for more info on the Lock-In on Friday, March 27th and Service Project on Saturday, March 28th.

Marshall Church Assistants

- *March 1—Bryson
- *March 8—Jessie
- *March 15—Julia
- *March 22—Ella
- *March 29—Bryson



Little Cedar Church Assistants

- *March 1—U: Micah G: Coltan
 - *Communion Family—Cody
- *March 8—U: Riley G: Brad
- *March 15—U: Kendra G: Adelyn
 - *Communion Family—Hope
- *March 22—U: Abby G: Gavin
- *March 29—U: Coltan G: Hope
 - *Communion Family—Riley

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *March 1—Liliana
- *March 8—Mabel
- *March 15—Nolan
- *March 22—Justin
- *March 29—Beau

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 8th.

Ushers:



Carter Johnson & Ashlynn Mandt

Readers:

Avery Medgaarden & Matthias Anderson

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

March 1—Eli Wolff

March 15—Noah Lamp

March 29—Lydia Wik



Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour March 1st

Lead—Mike, Lisa & Noah Lamp

Looking ahead:

Little Cedar Confirmation Sunday is April 19th
Marshall Confirmation Sunday is May 3rd

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
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2020**



<p>Minutes ~ respectfully submitted by, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council Secretary</p>	
<p>Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First item of business – election of President and Vice for upcoming year. • Nomination of Len Mensink, President with Andrew Sprau, Vice President. • Motion by Kevin for nominations to cease, approving as noted. Second to the motion from Gary Kulow. Motion carried. 	
<p><i>Pastor Jeremy updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to request for sabbatical – Will be gone three Sundays in May (10-17-24). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Matt Larson, Synod Congregational Care Minister will cover 5/10 & 5/17. ◦ Mike Taylor, from the Gideons, will cover 5/24. There will be a need for congregational assistance with liturgy. <p>Motion to approve sabbatical plans made by Gary Kulow with second from Andrew Sprau. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder – Micah’s surgery planned for 2/13 – prayers for the family. • During Lent would like to plan for an activity to determine ‘The Greatest Hymn of All’. Will look for hymn titles from Little Cedar/Marshall congregations and then use brackets (similar to sporting activities) to determine the winner. • Confirmation kids planning for a lock-in March 27/28. Would like to use COM in March to help fund ‘Link’ (teenage homeless) service project. Kids will purchase and prepare needed items 1) grab/snack bags and 2) hygiene items. 	
<p>Secretary’s report was read, financial and treasurer’s reports were given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total offering for January \$8318.00/\$373.00 COM (Campus Ministry). • February Cause of the Month offering will be for the Ronald McDonald House. <p>Motion by Gary to accept the reports; motion second from Kevin. Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>If church should be canceled because of inclement weather – information will be broadcast on TV stations KAAL, KIMT, KTTC, and FOX.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p> <p><u>Upcoming dates to remember:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Sunday – 3/29 • Baccalaureate – 4/15 at St. John’s/Elkton • Confirmation – 4/19 • Vacation Bible School – 7/13 	
<p>Move to adjourn from Andrew with second from Gary. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.</p>	



Carie Hanson (Finance)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink (Chairman)	X
Kevin Hanson (I)	X	Dawn Kiefer (Secretary)	X	Donna Osmundson (I)	NA
Chris Himebaugh (D)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Andrew Sprau (I)	X
Dale Himebaugh (Treasurer)	X	Linda Ludwig (D)	NA	Rodney Sprau (I)	NA

LITTLE CEDAR COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2020



Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on February 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Carol Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Becky Hartwig. Present: Mary Conroy, Becky Hartwig, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Carol Matheis, Spenser Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Carrie Sorgatz, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Vicki Kiefer.

Secretary's Report: Motion by John Jax, seconded by Carrie Sorgatz that the minutes be accepted as printed. Carried.

Correspondence: A thank you note from ELCA Good Gifts was read in appreciation of the donation of \$685 from our Christmas campaign. A thank you from Crossroads Campus Ministry, Mankato, was read in appreciation of a donation of \$500.

Treasurer's Report: Millie reviewed the monthly statement. There was a balance of \$1004 at the end of January. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Becky Hartwig that the treasurer's report be approved as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Building: Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Carrie Sorgatz, that we pay \$914.42 to Schmitz Electric for the repair of the radiator in the records room. Payment to come from capital funds. Carried.
-Shades have been ordered for the East classrooms and the library. Payment to come from WELCA.

Congregational Life and Mission: The committee is being formed and will meet soon. They are looking for volunteers for the committee. Talk to Becky Hartwig if you are interested.

Worship and Music: Lynn Johnson reported that the committee met and chose hymns through Confirmation.

Pastor's Report: Senior recognition at Little Cedar will be Sunday, March 29. Confirmation will be Sunday, April 19th and Baccalaureate will be Wednesday, April 15th. Confirmation students will have their lock-in on Friday, March 27th. Confirmation students and mentors will pack care kits for homeless young people in Rochester. Products needed will be Cause of the Month for February and March.

Outstanding Business: None.

New Business: None.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Marshall after the Lenten service. Carol Matheis will give devotions. Cause of the Month will be items needed for care kids for homeless youth, given through Lutheran Social Service. An email will be sent with needs.

Motion by Spenser Medgaarden, seconded by Carrie Sorgatz to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Jan Weness





THE LINK

Services for Youth

On any given night, 60 to 100 youth are experiencing homelessness in the Rochester and Southeastern Minnesota area. Since 2012, LSS has served youth who are, or are at risk of, experiencing homelessness through the Living Independently with Knowledge (LINK) program.

The LINK provides a safe environment where youth ages 16-24 can receive nonjudgmental assistance from caring and trustworthy adults who are knowledgeable in overcoming the barriers of homelessness.

They offer a wide range of services, training and tools to support youth in becoming productive, healthy and independent adults. They assist young people in meeting basic needs by providing food, clothing and information on how to access short-term shelter.

Support is tailored to fit each person’s needs and can include case management, life-skills classes, host homes for youth, transitional housing services, and peer support group activities and employment support. Financial assistance for rent and/or a rental deposit may also be available for youth who meet eligibility requirements.

At the end of March, our confirmation students and their mentors will be putting together personal care kits and snack bags to help support the program. We to help support this program by donating needed items kits. You can find a list of needed items below. Please donations by Wednesday, March 25th.

- Shampoo
 - Body wash/soap
 - Men/women disposable razors
 - Deodorant
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Comb/hairbrush
 - Wash clothes
 - Nail clipper
 - Towels
- invite you
for these
turn in all

Individually packaged snack items

- Granola bars
- Crackers
- Chips/snack mix
- Trail mix/dried fruit/nuts
- Fruit cups