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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



March 2022



Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

As a child I loved Lent. Every week we would go to church on Wednesday evening. It would get us out of the house, we would eat yummy soup and bread, I would get to play with my friends, often times involving a snow ball fight, and sometimes we would make trouble. I don't know if I really knew what lent was about as a child, but I do remember Lent was fun and when we spent a lot of time at church as a community.

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Lent is about reorienting ourselves towards our love for God and for one another. As we prepare for Holy Week, we turn our attention towards those things that really matter. As Jesus says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal." May we take time during the season of Lent to grow deeper into our faith.

Blessings during your Lenten Journey!

Pr. Jeremy

Prayer



Fasting



Almsgiving



- Pray for your friends *and* for your enemies by name. Bless them, one by one. Think of the person you most struggle to love and pray for them as a beloved child of God.
- Turn off technology for the day. If you normally follow a lot of social media, turn it off for the day. If lots of television, turn it off. Or even the radio, turn it off. Choose silence for the day.
- Invite someone over to your home and cook them a simple weeknight meal. Or instead, bring someone a meal or treat.



Important Dates

March 2nd
Ash Wednesday Worship

March 2nd
Marshall Council

March 16th
Little Cedar Council

Lenten Schedules

Ash Wednesday
March 2nd @ Little Cedar
Soup Supper @ 6:00pm
Worship @ 7:00pm



Lenten Worship Service Schedule

March 9th @ St. John's Elkton
March 16th @ Little Cedar
March 23rd @ Marshall
March 30th @ Little Cedar
April 6th @ Marshall

Soup Supper @ 6:00pm
Worship @ 7:00pm



**Daylight Savings
Begins
March 13th ~ 2022**

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

Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klautt ~ Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier



Deaths:
LC: Robert D. Hanson

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

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 Little Cedar 10:00am and Marshall 9:30am

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"Self-esteem is your child's passport to a lifetime of mental health and social happiness. It's the foundation of a child's well-being and the key to success as an adult. At all ages, how you feel about yourself affects how you act." We have been focusing on positive affirmations this month and loving ourselves, since it was the month of showing love! We have been practicing how to be kind to others as well. Since it was February, we celebrated Valentine's Day and made cute card holders out of gallon milk jugs. We had an alien, princess, Unicorn, tractor and a few other adorable ones! We worked on learning how to draw a heart and identifying pink objects around the room. We learned what ice was and that penguins live where it's really cold! We made an owl and octopus for the letter O, pig and penguins for the letter P and quilt and queen for the letter Q. Our numbers were 13, stomped 13 times and 14, clapped the table 14 times. We watched to see if the Groundhog would see his shadow or not, which sadly he did. I told the story of the Three Little Pigs for one of the lesson and the kids LOVED that! We used our imagination to see what other material we could use to build a house. The wolf would have for sure gotten in our houses! Some wanted pizza, blankets and noodles! We do a lot of dance parties. The kids have some great moves! I usually can't move the next morning... We are looking for an assistant to help out at the daycare. It could be a minimum of 15 hours per week, up to 30 hours! Please spread the word and have them contact myself or the daycare with any questions. Let's keep the daycare full!!

Kate Wiste ~
Little Cedar Daycare Director



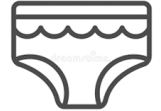
Cause of the Month for March

Marshall



"Central Lutheran"
Homeless Ministry

Undie Sunday is April 3rd!



During the season of lent we will be collecting new underwear and socks for the homeless ministry of Central Lutheran in Minneapolis. They are in need of all sizes, ages, and genders. Just needs to be brand new. Between now and April 3rd, you can bring in underwear and socks to Little Cedar, Marshall, or St. John's. We will also take cash donations and our youth will do the shopping for you! Any questions, let us know! Bring on the undies!

♥ Wedding Shower for McKendry Kennedy



Please join us to celebrate the bride-to be!
McKendry and Colton are getting married
July 2, 2022.

Where: Little Cedar Lutheran Church Adams
When: March 12, 2022 at 12 PM

McKendry & Colton are registered at:
Target, Amazon, and Bed, Bath & Beyond



"Christ In Our Home"



Devotionals are available at both
Little Cedar & Marshall Church.
Be sure to pick up your copy today!

Worship Assistants & Service

Little Cedar Service Group #4

Co-Chairs: Scott & Tammy McMasters and Dave & Millie Weness

**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 we all get!

- Carol Matheis
- Dixie Rose
- Wayne Robertson
- Linda & John Logsdon
- Russ & Joanne Hamilton
- Jim & Connie Sathre
- Curt & Kay Lewison
- Gladys Morgan
- Joe Matheis
- Jacina Kiefer
- Heather Felten
- Cody & Kathy Kirkpatrick
- John & Tammy Loecher
- Randy & RoeAnn Voigt
- Brad & Marie Johnson
- Katie Felten

Serve Soup—March 16th

Communion Clean-Up
 March 6 and 20

Deliver Meals on Wheels
 March 14 through 25

Coffee Hour
 March 13, 20, 27

 And any functions that are requested

Little Cedar Readers

 March 6
 Tara Mandt

 March 13
 YOUTH—See Below

 March 20
 Earl Orvik

 March 27
 Deb Fasbender

Little Cedar High School
Communion Helpers
 March 6—Abby

Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour
 March 6—Bryan Family
 Helper: Micah Johnson family

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 13th
 Ushers: Brad & Cody and Reader: Eli

Little Cedar Worship Assistants
 *March 6—Lauren
 *March 13—Addison
 *March 20—Audrey
 *March 27—Addie

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

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants
 *March 6—Usher: Avery, Greeter: JJ, Communion: Justin
 *March 13—Usher: Nolan, Greeter: Beau
 *March 20—Usher: Liliana, Greeter: Easton
 *March 27—Usher: Cameron, Greeter: Mya

Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants
 *March 6—Usher: Shannon, Communion: Alex
 *March 13—Usher: Lillian
 *March 20—Usher: Brecken
 *March 27—Usher: Sara



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

Senior High LYO NEWS

We hope to meet in March to do our last service project for the year. Stay tuned to email and text for details.

Respectfully submitted,
Alizha Kappers, Secretary

Junior High LYO NEWS

We are probably done meeting for the year. We will review calendars and see if anything works out.

Confirmation Schedule & News:

Check your emails for the Lenten schedule and plan.

7th Grade students help with Soup and 8th Grade students help with worship.

Be sure to meet with your mentors on a Sunday and one Wednesday.

Little Cedar Sunday School News

We will have class on March 6, 13 and 20.

Mark your Calendars:

We will plan to sing and participate in the Palm Processional on April 10th.



First Communion News

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd—there is an assignment for worship. Classes start on March 9th and go through Wednesday, April 6th. Classes are at 5pm. Full details are in your emails.

Students taking First Communion this year are:

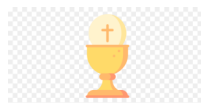
At Marshall

Aria Kellogg

Adam Heimer

At Little Cedar

Sadie Webber



We will bake bread and make banners on Saturday, April 9th and Palm Sunday/First Communion is Sunday, April 10th at both churches.





Lenten Journey of Prayer, Fasting, and Giving

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Week 1: March 2-8

Prayer/Scripture: Say a prayer asking for forgiveness. Then read Psalm 51 three times. Even try reading it in a different translation that you are not used to.

Fasting/Something New: If you normally listen to a podcast or music or watch TV, choose silence for the day. Go for a quiet for a walk or just spend some time outside.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Send an encouraging email to someone to tell them how much you appreciate all the work that they do. Drop off a coffee or a gift card or a note.

Week 2: March 9-15

Prayer/Scripture: Take a step towards forgiving someone. Maybe say a prayer asking for the strength to forgive. Or say the words out loud to yourself, "I forgive you." Maybe even go to the person and tell them that you forgive them.

Fasting/Something New: Fast from something for the week. You could go the more traditional route and give up some sort of food or beverage. You could give up social media, sleeping in, complaining, or unnecessary spending. Be creative and honest about your dependencies. Look for ways to channel that energy into something generative and healing.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Donate to an organization that is important to you. Could be as little or as much as you'd like. Could be cash or an item that they need.

Week 3: March 16-22

Prayer/Scripture: Read Psalm 106:7. Make a list of 7 things, experiences, or people you're thankful for.

Fasting/Something New: Skip the internet for a day. Nope. Nada. None. If that isn't practical for work, you could do this on the weekend or in the evenings instead. You could also instead mute social media for the day.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Invite someone over for dinner. You could also instead drop off a meal or some sort of treat for someone.

Week 4: March 23-29

Prayer/Scripture: Light a candle one evening. Sit quietly for 5 minutes. Read Psalm 86:15 and Ephesians 2:8. Which words resonate with you? Imagine God looking at you with infinite love and tenderness, kindness, and mercy.

Fasting/Something New: Cut one unnecessary spending for the week. Just one will do the trick. Maybe an unnecessary night out to eat. Maybe cut out something from shopping or your morning coffee. Doesn't need to be much. It serves as a reminder of the blessings that we have from God.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Buy some underwear or socks and donate them to Undie Sunday, or leave a cash donation.

Week 5: March 30-April 5

Prayer/Scripture: We began this Lenten Journey contemplating our own mortality and sinfulness. Read Psalm 139. You are wonderfully made by God. Name at least five things that you are good at, that you like about yourself, or that you are proud of.

Fasting/Something New: Cut 1 unnecessary spending for the week. Just one will do the trick. Maybe an unnecessary night out to eat. Maybe cut out something from shopping or your morning coffee. Doesn't need to be much. It serves as a reminder of our dependence on God and that all that we have is from God.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Think about an injustice that is occurring in the world. Violence that is occurring. Or maybe a group of people that have traditionally been marginalized in society. If appropriate, spend some time learning more about the injustices happening. Read Psalm 10:12-15. Say a prayer for those who are victims of violence and/or marginalized.

Week 6: April 6-12

Prayer/Scripture: Memorize the Jesus Prayer - "*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*" and pray it throughout the day. Consider switching the word "sinner" for "your beloved child" and see how that changes the meaning for you. This could be particularly meaningful to repeat this prayer to yourself during Holy Week.

Fasting/Something New: No snacking for at least a day. At least stick to only healthy snacks for a day. Instead, I encourage you to exercise at least once this week. Whatever kind of exercise that works for you. Go for walk, run, bike ride, yoga, weight training, cardio... Exercise is not only good for the body, but also the mind.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Pick up an item for the food shelf, or a whole bag while you

Prayer




Fasting



Almsgiving



Minutes— respectfully submitted, Kathy Voigt ~Secretary Pro Temp

Topics	
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President. Electing a Council chairman was the first order of business. Len Mensink was nominated for Chairman with Andrew Sprau nominated for Vice Chairman. All approved.	
Pastor Jeremy updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will refrain from having communion Sunday, Feb. 6th. From then on we will make the decision on a weekly basis. ● St. John's (Elkton) will be hosting a Lenten Service on March 9th with a soup supper. ● The 2022 Youth Gathering has been cancelled. Tara and Pastor Jeremy are discussing another trip that they could do with the kids. 	
Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total offering for January \$2930.00/ \$229.00 for the Salvation Army. ● February Cause of the Month offering will be for the Ronald McDonald House. Motion to accept reports from Kathy with second from Darrell. Motion carried.	
Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review/update to COVID action plan. Using current Mower County status as a guideline, congregations are asked to mask for church services at this time. No changes to the COVID action plan. ● Carie noted the terms for Treasurer & Financial Secretary in the Annual Meeting book need to be corrected. The Treasurer, Carie Hanson, is a 2 year term and the Financial Secretary, Dale Himebaugh, is a 1 year term. Kathy will make these changes. ● A thank you was received from Gerard Academy. ● Carie will talk with Millie Weness, treasurer of Little Cedar Council, to discuss the proposed change of how to pay the office secretary, Kathy Voigt, from shared expense. ● Marshall will be providing the meal at the Salvation Army on Tuesday, February 8th. ● The idea of Marshall purchasing a TV or screen and projector for worship was discussed. Andrew and Len volunteered to get some information gathered for our next meeting. 	
New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jeremy brought up the Constitution and how it is in need of being updated. It was decided to have a three person committee do this project. Kathy Voigt and Tricia Kulow volunteered to be on said committee. The SE MN Synod has a model Constitution that would be available to use as a template of how to go about making these changes. ● Discussed a "Congregation Agreement" between Marshall and Little Cedar. We would need to have a joint council meeting to get this going. This will possibly be done in the spring. ● Cause of the Month for March will be Central Lutheran. 	
Motion to adjourn from Andrew with second from Kevin Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.	

Members:

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)		Andrew Sprau (T)	X
Dale Himebaugh (financial secy)	X	Tricia Kulow (secy)		Kathy Voigt (D)	X

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Holly Meyer, Chris Roser, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness.
Absent: Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Connie Sathre, Millie Weness.

The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Tracy. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Pastor Jeremy.

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

Correspondence: A thank you was read from the ELCA for the donation of \$985 toward the Good Gifts Program to purchase animals. The money was raised as our congregational Advent project. Mayo and Good Earth Village are offering a free camp for youth ages 5-17 who have experienced the death of a significant person within the last three years. Pastor has more information.

Financial Report: The report was reviewed. Motion by Jan, seconded by Holly to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor has found someone to cover for him while he is on sabbatical leave this summer.

Committee Reports:

-Building: New routers have been purchased with a donated \$250 Thrivent card to improve the internet access throughout the building. We will be looking into a contract with a new carrier as soon as the current contract ends.

-Daycare: The daycare is advertising for an assistant to work a minimum of 10 hours up to 30 hours per week.

-Youth and Education: Pastor read from a written report submitted by Tara. The ELCA Youth Gathering for this summer has been canceled. Tara and Pastor are working on planning a mission trip for our youth for this summer. The youth are planning two fundraisers this Spring to help cover expenses. The full report is filed with the minutes.

Outstanding Business:

-Soup Suppers: It was decided that we will have soup suppers before Lenten services.

-Masking: We will continue masking during worship. It will be discussed again next month.

-Cause for Lent: It was decided that we will collect underwear (men's and women's), cash and socks for Central Lutheran during Lent.

New Business:

-Insurance: There will be some research done to determine if we need to make any changes to our building insurance.

-Refrigerator: A new refrigerator has been delivered to the kitchen. The old one no longer worked. The food shelf will pay for much of the cost.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 after the Lenten service. Millie will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

