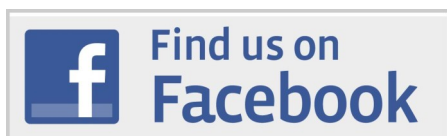


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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Matthew 13:31-32

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall!

Mother Nature doesn't seem to know what is going on this winter. On Monday, I took out my bike and went for a ride. Then on Tuesday night it snowed and got down to 0 degrees. And now I hear we are supposed to be back into the 60s this weekend. If I'm getting confused by the weather, I'd have to think that all the trees and creatures are getting confused as well. The strange weather makes me nervous about what spring and summer will mean for us and the farmers.

The Bible often uses agricultural imagery to speak about our faith, and one such metaphor is the idea of planting seeds. Just as a tiny seed carries the potential for a mighty tree, we too hold within us the power to be agents of transformation and positive change in our world.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus spoke of the mustard seed, describing how the smallest seed can grow into a large and fruitful tree. This analogy teaches us that even the seemingly insignificant actions we take, when rooted in faith and love, can bring about great change.

I am thoroughly enjoying the skits that we are having at our Wednesday Lenten services. As individuals and as a community, we are called to be seeds of change. What does it mean to be a seed for change? It starts with a humble recognition of our potential impact. Just like a seed needs the right soil, water, and sunlight to grow, we too need the nourishment of God's Word, the living water of His Spirit, and the light of Christ's love to flourish.

Planting seeds involves intentional acts of kindness, compassion, and justice. It means looking for opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us. It may be a simple act of kindness, a word of encouragement, or a commitment to social justice that can take root and grow into a beautiful expression of God's love.

Our skit for this week was a reminder that we grow together. As we make a difference in this world, we are not alone. Our actions have a ripple effect that can continue. Much like a seed that multiplies and spreads, our acts of love and kindness have the potential to inspire others to do the same. We become part of a collective effort to bring forth God's kingdom on earth—a kingdom characterized by love, justice, and reconciliation.

May we embrace our calling to be seeds of change, trusting that God is at work in and through us. May our collective efforts bring forth a bountiful harvest of love, compassion, and transformation in our community and beyond.

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

March 6th
Marshall Council

March 10th
Daylight Savings
Time begins

March 12
Men's Lenten Breakfast

March 20th
Little Cedar Council



Lenten Schedules

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

Lenten Worship Service Schedule

March 6th @ Marshall
March 13th @ Little Cedar
March 20th @ Marshall

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Sunrise Service @ Little Cedar @ 7:00am
Easter Worship @ Little Cedar @ 9:00am
Easter Worship @ Marshall @ 10:30am



NO Sunday School at Little Cedar or Marshall on Easter Sunday



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.
Marlo Thorstenson ~ Tami Heimer ~ Wayne Robertson ~ Steve Bamrick
June Wolf ~ Ron Voigt ~ Karen Fasbender ~ Mavis Wermager

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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MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST
MARCH 12TH @ MARSHALL @
9:00AM

\$\$\$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 31st of the following year.



♥MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH♥
MARCH 2024
"NEIGHBOR IN NEED"



WOMAN OF THE ELCA
ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE SPRING EVENT

"Rise Up to Faith"

Thursday April 18, 2024

At St. John's Lutheran Church

301 8th Ave. NW ~ Kasson, MN 55944

For more information and to sign up is on the bulletin Board

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please fill out the form found in your bulletin. Cost will be \$12.00 Drop the form off at the church office.

Deadline to order will be March 15th.



Church Council



Marshall

Wednesday, March 6th
@ 7:30pm

Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 20th @ 7:30pm



Little Cedar Service Group #6

Chairs:

John & Cindy Jax and Brian & Sherry Schotanus

Nancy Smith	Lindsey & Shane Hanson
Tracy & Angie Smith	Whitney & Jake Schotanus
Kerry Stroup	Jon & Laura Stroup
Nancy Thalberg	Dorothy Triplett

March 2024

Communion Clean-Up
March 3, 24, 31 (2 services)

Deliver Meals on Wheels
March 11 through 22

Coffee Hour
March 10, 17, 24 & 31
(not March 3rd)
*24th is Palm Sunday/First Communion
**31st is Easter

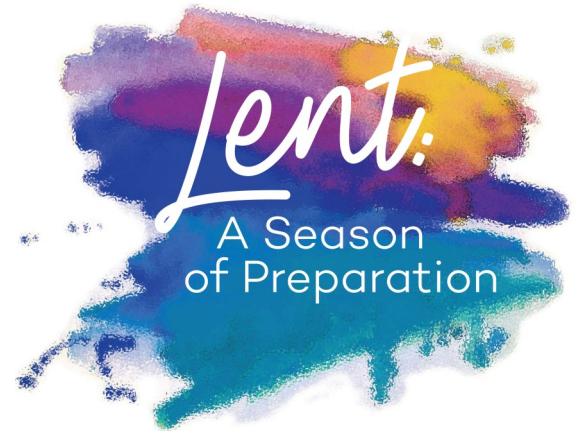
Serve any functions requested

March Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 13th
Little Cedar Service Groups 1 & 4

Little Cedar Readers

March 3—Millie Weness
March 10—Cody & Coltan
March 17—Kern Hall
March 24—Earl Orvik
March 31 *Sunrise—Tara Mandt
March 31 *Regular—Jim Osmundson



Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits! Because of your generosity, our confirmation students and their mentors were able to assemble 113 kits! Each kit contained a towel, 2 bars of soap, toothbrush, comb, and nail clipper. The kits will be boxed up this spring and make their way to someone in need.

Youth Worship Assistance

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *March 3—Usher: Addison, Greeter: Lauren, Communion: Addison & parent
- *March 10—Greeter: Addie
- *March 17—Usher: Addison, Greeter: Lauren
- *March 24—Usher: Taya, Greeter: Lauren, Communion: Taya & parent
- *March 31 Sunrise—Usher: Taya, Greeter: Addie, Communion: Lauren & parent
- *March 31 Regular—Greeter: Addison, Communion: Addison



Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- *March 3—Usher: Adam, Communion: Lillian
- *March 10—Usher: Aria
- *March 17—Usher: Alyssa, Communion: Alex
- *March 24—Usher: James
- *March 31—Usher: Brandt, Communion: Brecken



Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *March 3—Sadie
- *March 10—Harper
- *March 17—Lane
- *March 24—Harper
- *March 31—Lane

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 10th

Ushers: Cody & Juliette
 Readers: Cody & Coltan



Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

March 3—Lead Family—Smith Family
 Helper: Mya Walerak

Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

- March 3—Brad
- March 24—Abby
- March 31—Cody *Sunrise
- March 31—Easton *Regular

He is Risen

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 & Marshall Sunday School News

We will wave palms and sing on Palm Sunday, March 24th at both Marshall and Little Cedar!

We will not have Sunday School on March 31st.

Confirmation News

Our Lenten schedule continues through March!

Be sure to meet with your mentos and do your packets.



Mark Your Calendars: Confirmation Sunday is April 14th.

Our students being confirmed this year are:

Little Cedar—Lauren Sorgatz

Marshall—James Heimer, Alyssa Himebaugh, and Kristin Shulze

Congratulations to our 4th Grade Students who will receive their First Communion this year on Palm Sunday, March 24th!

At Little Cedar

Hayden Felten—Parents Heather & Chad Felten

Ruby Hall—Parents Kern & Lyndsey Hall and Amanda & Paul Gordon

Harper Krebsbach—Parents Ashley & Jon Krebsbach

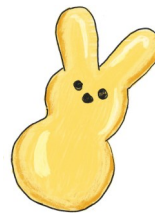
Adrian Mergen—Parents Sarah & Kyle Mergen

Blakely Meyer—Parents Holly & Chans Meyer

Jackson Schotanus—Parents Whitney & Jake Schotanus

RaeLynne Voigt—Parents Amy & Jake Mandler

Grayson Wiste—Parents Kate & Mike Wiste



At Marshall

Avery Himebaugh—Parents Leif & Angie Himebaugh

Andrue Shulze—Parent Jesse Shulze

Our final classes will be held at 5pm on March 6 (Marshall), March 13 (Little Cedar), and March 20 (Marshall).

We will make our bread and banners on Friday, March 22nd. Watch for details!

Mark Your Calendars—Kids Club 3:16 will meet again on Tuesday, March 26th. Watch for details coming soon!

Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jeremy read us a devotional from transfiguration, which is the gospel reading for this coming Sunday. ● St. John’s will not be having any Wednesday Lenten, Maundy Thursday, or Good Friday services, so Pastor Jeremy will be sharing our schedule with them and opening the invitation for any of them to join us. ● Little Cedar purchased an audio bible for members to use. If there is more interest, the church can look into purchasing more.
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total offering for January \$6,980.00/\$316.00 for the Cause of the Month. ● February Cause of the Month offering will be for Ronald McDonald House ● Next month – March Cause of the month – Neighbor in Need <p>Motion to accept reports from Kevin -----with second from Lonny. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Basement repairs have been completed.</p>
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nominations were made for chair and vice chair of council for 2024. A motion was made by Forrest and seconded by Kathy nominating Gary Kulow for chair and Len Mensink for vice chair. Motion carried. ● Personnel committee members for 2024 will be Len Mensink and Jan Johnson. Finance committee members for 2024 will be Gary Kulow, Carie Hanson, and Dale Himebaugh. ● Reinforcing the step and carpet upstairs will be added to the list as a potential repair for this year. ● Continuing resolutions will be reviewed later this year to determine if there are any additional practices that should be added. Examples include camper fees, shared expenses, Thrivent dollars to cemetery fund, etc. ● Next Tuesday, February 13th is the Salvation Army meal. Lonny and Dale offered to help serve, along with Gary and Tricia.
Motion to adjourn from Kathy with second from Forrest. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Lesley Heimer	X	Dale Himebaugh (Finan. Secy)	X	Lonny McKay (T)	X
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Jan Johnson		Forrest Himebaugh (T)	X
Amber Hanson (Secy)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink	X
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)		Kathy Voigt (D)	X



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**, after Lenten services. Present: Lyndsey Hall, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Tara Mandt, Joe Matheis, Dixie Rose, Jan Weness. Absent: Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Bryce Nelson, Pat Sorenson. The meeting was called to order by acting chair, John Jax. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Tara.

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

Treasurer's Report: Lyndsey reviewed the report. Motion by Jan, seconded by Dixie to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Daycare: Committee met on Tuesday. Emily Billings still on maternity leave until late March.

-Education: Tara has begun Communion preparation for 10 students.

-Life and Missions: The committee will help plan and serve a simple meal to all students and families of religious release classes at year end event to report to parents what was studied during the school year.

-Youth: Tara is continuing to do preparations for LYO gathering in New Orleans this summer. She will begin Bible Study related to event with the students planning to attend soon.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be gone Sunday, March 17, and a few days around that date for a vacation.

New Business:

-**Meatball money donations:** Motion by Joe, seconded by Tara to make the following donations from the meatball fund: \$500 to each Mankato and Winona campus ministries, \$500 to Salvation Army, \$500 to Bung Jot, South Sudanese seminary student from Austin, \$1000 to Good Earth village, for a total of \$3000. Carried.

-**Investments:** Motion by Joe, seconded by Lindsey, to move \$15,000 from parsonage CD to the Capital Improvement Fund. Carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 20 after Lenten services. John will give devotions. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary
Little Cedar Council

