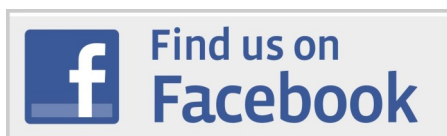


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# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



## April 2023



### Luke 24:1-12

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

I enjoy watching movies. It's not unusual for me to have a movie on in the background while working on things around the house or in the kitchen. I sometimes think it would be fun to be a movie critic. My least favorite movies are those that don't end on a happy note. I don't mind the characters having a hardship, but in the end, I want them to live happily ever after. I expect when I'm watching a movie that in the end everything is going to be ok.

That is what we do as Christians. We know that there will have trials and hardship, but we also know that in the end everything will be alright. As we make our way through Lent that is the promise we hold on to. We know how this story ends! Everything is going to be ok! We mourn the death of Christ on the cross, but we also celebrate in knowing the Christ will conquer death, and bring new life!

He is risen! He is risen indeed!!! As we are making our way through Lent and approach Easter, this is the chant that continually comes to mind! He is risen! He is risen indeed!! This is what we have spent 40 days preparing to pronounce; Jesus' triumph over death! We can boldly make our way through Lent knowing how the story ends! He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Blessings!  
Pastor Jeremy



**Important Dates**

**April 5th**

Marshall Council

**April 19th**

Little Cedar Council

**April 22nd—23rd**

Pop Can Collection



**EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Holy Week Services**

**Maundy Thursday April 6th -7pm @ Marshall**

**Good Friday April 7th -7pm @ Little Cedar**



**Easter Sunday April 9th**

**Sunrise Service @ Little Cedar @ 7:00am**

**Easter Worship @ Little Cedar @ 9am**

**Easter Worship @ Marshall @ 10:30am**

**NO Sunday School at Little Cedar or Marshall on Easter Sunday**



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

Curt Lewison ~ Valeta Anderson ~ Kendall Klaehn

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

**Little Cedar Baptism:**

Kiplin Goergen Bergene—March 12, 2023—Parents Tyler & Holly

**Little Cedar Funerals:**

Gayle Bergstrom March 18, 2023



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

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

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# Daycare News



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March was all over the place here at daycare. At the beginning of the month, I took some personal time off. Thankfully, my shifts were covered without problems thanks to my amazing staff! We celebrated Dr Seuss day and St. Patrick's Day. In the curriculum, we learned about opposites - first and last. Green was obviously our color of the month! Our specials letters were R, S and T. We made rabbits, spiders, and treasure chests. Diamond was our shape of the month, Daisy the Diamond. We made rainbows and doctors were our profession of the month. Last fall, we received a revitalization grant. With that, we were able to purchase a new fence for our playground, ours was really beaten up. We received a donation for our playground and put up a new one. We bought a new washing machine, desk, desk chair and pantry. We will also be purchasing a new shed since ours got wrecked in the strong winds. We will be adding a little cement patch to our playground area in addition to where it is now. Making it all even! I recently accepted a position at Sacred Heart School as the school counselor. I was hired through Phoenix School Counseling. It is part time so I am still able to continue my director role here at daycare. Looking forward to seeing what the future holds for all of us this Spring!



Kate Wiste ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today Alleluia*



## ♥Marshall Cause of the Month♥

April 2023

“Vacation Bible School”



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our 1st Easter Egg Hunt. After the 9am Easter Service we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for instructions and the start of the fun. This is for ages birth to 5th grade. This will be a short, fun hunt to not keep us from heading home for our family celebrations.



For those who attend the 7am Sunrise Service, we will have good bags but no hunt.

### Pop Can Wagon @ Little Cedar

Get those pop cans collected  
and bring to Little Cedar



The wagon will be in Little Cedar Parking Lot on  
Sat. April 22nd thru Sun., April 23rd

Money raised will go to  
Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

## Little Cedar Service Group #6

**Chairs:** John & Cindy Jax and Brian & Sherry Schotanus

\*\*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!

Nancy Smith

Tracy & Angie Smith

Kerry Stroup

Nancy Thalberg

Dorothy Triplett

Bev Vangsness

June Wolf

Lindsey & Shane Hanson

Whitney & Jake Schotanus

Jon & Laura Stroup

Larry & Ann Tompkins

Mary Conroy

Gretchen Thome



### April 2023

#### **Communion Clean-Up**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)

#### **Deliver Meals on Wheels**

April 10<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **Coffee Hour**

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Easter is April 9<sup>th</sup>

**Serve any functions requested**



### Little Cedar Readers

**April 2**

Steve Schroeder

**April 9**

Tara Mandt

**April 16**

John Mueller

**April 23**

Jim Osmundson

**April 30**

Joni Osmundson



“Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!”

# Youth Worship Assistance

## Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

April 2nd—Johnson Family  
Easton Meyer family



## LC High School Communion Helpers

April 2 — Cameron  
April 9 (Sunrise)— Elliot  
April 9 (Regular)—Easton  
April 16—Wyatt  
April 30—Brad



## Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday

All help for Easter



## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*April 2—Usher: Liliana, Greeter: Justin, Communion: Beau
- \*April 9 (Sunrise): Usher: Kaden, Greeter: Lauren, Communion: Mya
- \*April 9 (Regular): Usher: Nolan, Greeter: Beau, Communion: Justin
- \*April 16—Usher: Mya, Greeter: Liliana, Communion: Lauren
- \*April 23—Usher: Beau, Greeter: Kaden
- \*April 26—Usher: Mya, Greeter: Nolan, Communion: Liliana

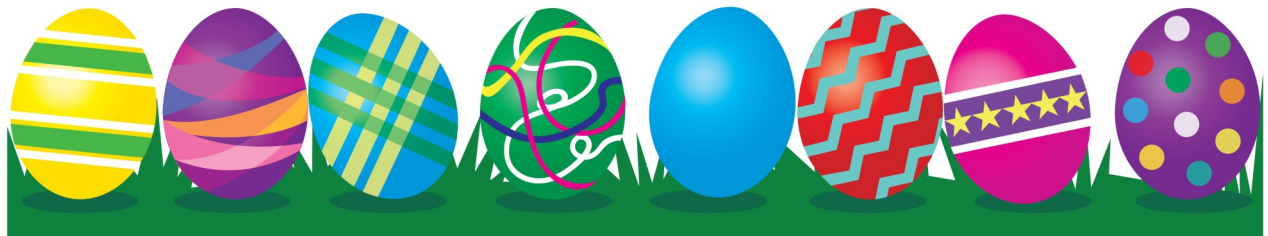
## Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*April 2—Usher: Alyssa, Communion: Brandt
- \*April 9—Usher: Brecken, Communion: James
- \*April 16—Usher: Lillian, Communion: Alyssa
- \*April 23—Usher: Alex
- \*April 30—Usher: Brandt, Communion: Brecken

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*April 2—Taya
- \*April 9(Sunrise) —Addison
- \*April 16—Audrey
- \*April 23—Adeline
- \*April 30—Addie

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 April Sunday School News

We will sing & wave palms on April 2nd for Palm Sunday. Please be at church at 8:30am to practice.

-We do NOT have regular class April 2nd or 9th (for Palm Sunday and Easter).

-We will have regular class on April 16th and 23rd. We will continue our series Tree of Healing. Please consider bringing an offering for the ELCA World Hunger organization.

-Sunday School Sunday is April 30th with a party after worship to celebrate a great year!



## Marshall April Sunday School News

We will have Sunday School on April 2nd and also wave palms and sing during Worship for Palm Sunday.

We will not have class on April 9th for Easter.

We will have regular class on April 16th, 23rd and 30th.



## 7th & 8th Confirmation Schedule & Meals

Regular class starts again on April 12th. Be sure you have finished up your Mentor packets.

### Meals

April 12—Johnson

April 19—Walerak

April 26—McKay



Confirmation Sunday is May 7th.

**Senior High Youth Group**—We hope to meet in April for one last meeting. Stay tuned.

**Junior High Youth Group**—We hope to meet in April for one last meeting. Stay tuned.

**3:16 Kids Club**—Our first meeting was a great success. We had 31 students for the ecumenical event of making Pretzels and learning about the meaning and practices of Lent. We hope to make this a quarterly event.



Kids Club is for 2nd through 5th grade students.

## Youth & Education News Continued

**Congratulations to our 4th Grade students who will receive their First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 2nd!**

### At Little Cedar

**Harper Felten**—Parents Heather & Chad

**Lane Hanson**—Parents Lindsey & Shane

### At Marshall

**Kenzie Canterbury**—Parents Kristin & Jeremy

**Adeline McKay**—Parents Sarah & Lonny



### *Easter Message From Bishop Eaton*

It all started with such promise – the angel announcing to Mary that the child she would bear would be called Son of the Most High; the conviction of Mary that this child would be the embodiment of God’s promised justice, that the hungry would be filled with good things and the rich sent away empty; angels announcing his birth; thousands being fed; the sick healed; the dead raised.

And then, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” It was over. The world hadn’t changed. Might still made right. How ridiculously naïve to believe that any reversal of the old order could come about. Hope is for the gullible. Looking at this broken man hanging utterly helpless, naked and broken on a cross, the powers and principalities, earthly and spiritual, death and the devil must have said, “You fool.”

This, as St. Paul reminds us, is the wisdom of the world. And the world can present plenty of hard evidence that it is right: children killing children in horrific school shootings, 60 million displaced people – all of this supported by our rebellion against God, our idolatrous claim that we are in control and the world is ours. In the face of this and all of the suffering others cause and we cause others, we, too, might cry out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”


I believe that the beginning of Psalm 22 expresses the anguish of the psalmist and the anguish of our Lord, but there is more going on here. Citing the first words of a text was, in the tradition of the time, a way of identifying an entire passage. The psalm ends this way: “All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ... Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.” This is the wisdom of God. Jesus’ crucifixion is the death of our death. His innocent suffering has reconciled all of creation to God. He has done it. We stake our lives on this.

This year, Easter falls on April 1. We shall have come through the Lenten desert to the Easter garden. We shall say, “Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” And we shall confess this and live this in the face of worldly wisdom that is based on death. Life wins. Love wins. And if the world wants to call us April fools, we are glad to claim that title.

*Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton*



**Minutes** – Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Topics					
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.					
<p><b>Pastor Jeremy updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A group of ladies have been serving snacks and coffee at the nursing home. There will be a sign up sheet for anyone that is interested joining the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2pm.</li> <li>• Pastor Jeremy will be out of town for the April 30<sup>th</sup> service.</li> <li>• Confirmation students are having a lock-in and food pack for Real Hope for the Hungry on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Twenty-six people are signed up, and forty people are needed, so Pastor Jeremy will be looking for about fourteen more people to help.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total offering for February \$2085.00/\$275.00 for the Cause of the Month.</li> <li>• March Cause of the Month offering will be for Real Hope for the Hungry</li> <li>• Next month – April Cause of the month is Vacation Bible School.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to accept reports from Kathy -----with second from Lonny. Motion carried.</p>					
					
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carie, Gary and Len met with Nick Hale from the Thrivent office. Len and Carie were added to the account, and Gary was kept on as well. It was discussed that the account will be used as a long term savings account with low risk, based on recommendations from Nick.</li> <li>• The basement lights were causing issues, so a new LED light was put in as a replacement at the bottom of the steps.</li> <li>• D and E Carpets are still slated to come sometime in March/April.</li> <li>• Ella Mensink was hired as the new cleaner at Marshall, replacing Kathy Voigt.</li> <li>• Joint council meeting from last month was reviewed and an overview of the request from Little Cedar for an increase in rental amount and secretarial hours was discussed. Discussion will be tabled and decision will be made at April's council meeting.</li> <li>• A new kid's club will be starting this Lent for 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders and will be held after school until 5:30pm on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Little Cedar sponsored event and Tara will keep track of her hours. Depending on how it goes, a schedule will be made for future kid's club events.</li> <li>• Constitution was reviewed with a few corrections and revisions noted. A motion was made by Gib to approve a draft of the constitution to send to the congregation with a second from Darrell. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Copies will be provided to the congregation for review. Any changes that come from the congregation will be made at the special congregational meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Council will be reviewing the current member list sometime in the near future and making any necessary changes or additions. Discussion was had around new songs that are played during service. Kathy will send Deb an email asking if there is an opportunity to play new songs ahead of time for the members to learn them.</p>					
Darrell Gordon (T)	X	Jan Johnson (D)	X	Len Mensink (T)	X
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Gib Siemers (T)	X
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)		Andrew Sprau (T)	X
Dale Himebaugh (financial secy)	X	Tricia Kulow (secy)	X	Kathy Voigt (D)	X
Motion to adjourn from Kevin with second from Jan. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.					

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Present: Lyndsey Hall, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Tara Mandt, Holly Meyer, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness. Absent: Spencer Medgaarden, Bryce Nelson, Connie Sathre, Tracy Smith.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Lynn, seconded by John to accept the February minutes as printed. Carried.

**Financial Report:** Lyndsey reviewed the report. Motion by Jan, seconded by Tara to accept the report as printed. Carried. The financial committee will be meeting soon to review investments coming due and make recommendations to council for reinvesting.

### **Committee Reports:**

**-Building:** Asbestos abatement has been finished in the boiler room. The boiler system has been ordered.

**-Education:** Tara reported that Kid's Club 3:16 was a huge success. Grades 2-5 gathered to make pretzels and learn some Lent history. More activities will be planned for this age group.

**-Life and Missions:** Easter cards and an invitation to a luncheon will be delivered to our over 80 members.

**-Youth:** Tara reported on the activities of the LYO. Confirmation members and mentors participated in a food pack and activities related to their lock-in.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will be gone the last Sunday of April. He will be accompanying the robotics teams to nationals.

### **Old Business:**

**-Boiler:** A motion was passed at the special meeting on March 5, to install a new boiler system. A letter will be sent from the council to inform our members and request donations for the boiler. Donations should be noted "Boiler Campaign."

### **New Business:**

**Sunrise Service:** Council determined that the Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. Lynn will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness*, Secretary

WISHING YOU  
*Easter Joy*