



# July 2016



## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### 1 Peter 5:1-11

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, **1 exhort the elders among you** **2 to tend the flock of God** that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. **3 Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.** **4** And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. **5** In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for

“God opposes the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.”

**6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. **7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.** **8** Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. **9** Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. **10** And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. **11** To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches!!

As I write this month’s newsletter article, I find myself amongst VBS week! We have 87 kids joining us and countless junior high, high school, and adult helpers. The church is busting at the seams! This years theme for Vacation Bible School is “Pets Unleashed! Where Jesus Cares ‘Fur’ You!”

And what a fun week it has been! It is a joy to see the children learning about God’s love. They learned about how much God loves and cares “Fur” them. So much so, that God the Father sent his one and only Son into the world for us! They learned about how we ought to care for each other and for God’s creation! They also learned about how we ought to stay close to God, and follow God’s will for our lives with humility. We thank Tara for her hard work and leadership, and all the youth and adults who helped lead our week!

The verse for the week was from 1 Peter 5:7 ~ “Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” This passage from 1 Peter 5 talks about how we need to keep alert, resist evil, and humbly follow God. In our baptismal liturgy the whole congregation professes their faith by renouncing the devil and all the forces that defy God, and the ways of sin that draw us from God. God wants the best for us. Perhaps the best way that God cares for us is the guidance we receive in life. As scripture pronounces, thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thanks be to God!

*Peace, Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**July 6th**  
Marshall Council

**July 20th**  
Little Cedar Council



**Wednesday Summer Worship**

Compline is a service of evening prayers forming part of the Divine Office of the Western Christian Church, traditionally said or chanted before retiring for the night. It is commonly practiced in monasteries and other residential worshipping communities. This June and July on Wednesday evenings we will host our usual Wednesday summer service and will use some of the liturgy from a typical evening prayer service. It is a beautiful way to end a day in prayer. Our Wednesday services will begin June 8th at 6:30pm @ Little Cedar each week. **No Service on July 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please join us!!!



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

Carrie Anderson ~ Lois Osmundson ~ Gert Greime  
Virgil Sorenson ~ Lloyd Hardecopf ~ Rick Hinz  
Chris Landherr ~ Beverly Nordeng  
Sharon Osmundson ~ Lillian Sprau  
Steve Vangness ~ Norma Larson ~ Dan Morgan  
Raeann Kane ~ Mary Fasbender



**Funerals @ Little Cedar—Arvis Gunderson**

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

This is the day that  
the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be  
glad in it.

*Psalm 118:24*



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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Quilters meet at Little Cedar  
 July 11th  
 @ 1:00pm




It's summer! The kids are enjoying the sunshine and no school work. We had 3 new boys start which is exciting. The older kids had fun going to Bible camp. Thank you Tara for taking such good care of the kids! We made our new bulletin board and some 4th of July Crafts. Looking forward to the holiday weekend!

**SUMMER GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Summers here! Everyone wants to get outdoors and enjoy it as much as they can. Please remember that even though you are not here on Sunday morning the church still has financial obligations and would greatly appreciate your continued support throughout the summer months. Electronic giving is a great way to give a regular tithe to the church. You can set up a bill pay with your bank, or for those who bank with United Farmers State Bank can set up a direct transfer. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Thank you! Enjoy your summer!

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

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance Jan. 1    | \$6,953.72         |
| Income through May          | \$84,714.08        |
| <u>Expenses through May</u> | <u>\$87,489.49</u> |
| <b>Balance May 31, 2016</b> | <b>\$4,178.31</b>  |

**Cause of the Month**  
**July 2016**  
Little Cedar  
 Lutheran Disaster Relief  
Marshall  
 Habitat for Humanity

**Automated Phone Tree:** We are in the process of setting up an automated phone tree. If you would be interested in having your name & number set up to receive prayer concerns & special announcements etc. Please let the office know.

**Pets Unleashed VBS was a huge success.** We had 87 students and 30 leaders/helpers. We learned that Jesus Cares for Us! We studied Matthew 5-7 and how Jesus sheds light on how we live and Luke 23:1-24:12 how Jesus died for us and the sacrifices made. We had the privilege of meeting Lucy, Isaac & Susan Ydstie's therapy dog and we also had a petting zoo w/llamas, a puppy, bunnies, goats and baby pigs. And too much more to tell you about in this small paragraph!! Thank you for all the donations and support before VBS and during the week. We are blessed to live in a wonderful community and we have an awesome church family!

**"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7    God's Love, Tara Mandt**

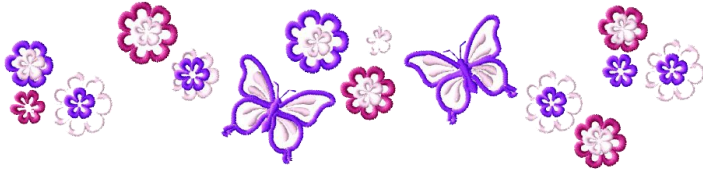
**Service Group #1**

- Shari Wagner (440-1458)–Co Chairperson
- Brian & Teresa Bergene (437-8663) –Co Chairperson
- Bryce & Kellie Nelson Family (325-4535)
- Russell & Karen Anderson (433-4846)
- Brad & Beth Stadheim Family (433-3221)
- Steve & Pam Bamrick Family (582-7787)
- Sue Barnes Family (993-6022)
- Bruce & Mary Bergene Family (584-0908)
- Dorothy Bergene (582-3259)
- Ward & Lois Bergene (582-3523)
- Deb Fasbender Family (582-7848)
- Mary Finbraaten (582-3451)
- Marjorie Bartholmey (582-3614)
- Dorothy Triplett (582-3287)
- Kerry Webber (438-8625)
- Gayle & Lavonne Bergstrom (437-3009)
- Larry & Bev Bowers (440-1898)
- Kevin Kelly (507-434-7646)

**July**  
 Communion Clean-up  
**July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Coffee Hours  
**NONE**  
 Deliver Meals on Wheels  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Serve any funerals held

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

**Head Usher for July**  
 Bob Hanson (E)  
 507-251-6316



**WELCA Upcoming Events**  
 \*\*July 11-13, 2017 \*\*  
 Tenth Triennial Convention, Mpls.  
 \*\*July 13-16, 2017 \*\*  
 Tenth Annual Triennial Gathering, Mpls

**July Readers**

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|-----------|------------------|
| July 3rd  | Nancy Thalberg   |
| July 10th | Joni Osmundson   |
| July 17th | Pat Hinz         |
| July 24th | Kristina Matheis |
| July 31st | Cindy Jax        |

**Little Cedar Church Council Minutes**

Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Devotions were given by Susan Ydstie. The mission statement was read in unison. The meeting was called to order by vice chairperson, Joe Matheis. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Joe Matheis, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Steve Schroeder, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Shari Wagner, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Susan Ydstie, Linda Logsdon. Absent: Jim Johnson, Mike Lamp, Bryce Nelson, Lani Wolff.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Millie Weness, seconded Shari Wagner that the secretary's minutes be approved as printed. Carried.

Tracy Smith continued the meeting as chairperson.

**Correspondence:** Thank you cards were read. A letter from Lutheran Disaster Response informed us that there are matching funds up to \$100,000 for anyone making a donation at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie discussed the report. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Steve Schroeder that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Cemetery- Steve Schroeder reported on an issue with a grave stone at the cemetery. Research was done by the committee and clarification was given to the cemetery policy. Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Nancy Thalberg that the maintenance and repair of all stones and markers in the Little Cedar Cemetery are the responsibility of the family-owners. Carried.

Youth and Education- 87 children are registered for Vacation Bible School. Registration is closed.

**Pastor's Report:** Shirley Gangsted will lead worship in July when pastor is gone.



**Outstanding Business:** None

**New Business:** A total of \$211 has been donated toward the LED lights for the facility. Tracy Smith was given the go-ahead to purchase and install the new lights.

Millie will give devotions in July. The July and August Cause of the Month is Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Motion by Steve Schroeder, seconded by Jan Weness that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m.

*Jan Weness, Council Secretary*



Marshall Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
May 4, 2016

The Marshall Church council met on May 4, 2016. Members present were: Gary Kulow, Tricia Kulow, Larry Underdahl, Craig Hanson, Forrest Himebaugh, Jerry Sprau, Pastor Jeremy, Darrell Gordon, Karina Mensink. Absent were: Sarah Sprau, Gus Johnson and Julie Hanson

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

Pastor led us in devotions.

The secretary's report from April was read, Tricia gave the financial and treasure's report. The total offering for Jan was \$4003.00 and the Cause of the month offering was \$246.80. We also received \$1039 from Thrivent Choice dollars. Larry moved to accept the reports, Jerry seconded the motion.

Old Business: The paint is coming off the steeple. Gary is going to contact Brandt Construction about re-painting the steeple. We discussed the landscaping around the new church sign. Decided we want a level cement slap wide enough for people to stand on to look at the map. We also will contact someone about getting the electric hooked up.

New Business: The cause of the month for May will be the Campus Ministries for Winona and Mankato. June COM will be Habitat for Humanity. Memorial Day services are at Marshall this year so we could use a clean-up day before then.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded the motion.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

*Karina Mensink*



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