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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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August 2018

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Romans 5:6-11



⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GREETINGS MARSHALL AND LITTLE CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCHES!!

This summer we have had two campfire worships, and will have another one on August 19th. It has been a wonderful time to join together in praising God. There is really nothing better than sitting outside worshipping, singing songs, hearing scripture, and offering prayers around a campfire. Thank you to those that have joined us at our campfire worship.

We have been using the theme and scripture from the Houston Youth Gathering. At our first campfire worship we talked about how God's Call Changes Everything. And at our second we talked about how Hope Changes Everything.

On August 19th, we will talk about how God's Love Changes Everything. We throw the word love around pretty easily. I love ice cream. I love fishing. I love my job. I love my children. Love has meaning on many different levels, and so at times the word love has lost its meaning in some ways.

There are some things that are pretty easy to love in this world. I mean, really, who doesn't love ice cream. On the other hand, there are things in this world that we believe are not deserving of love.

However, the kind of love that God extends doesn't put boundaries on love. God loves the loveless. As Romans 5:8 says, "But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." Although we are not deserving of God's love and forgiveness, God graciously extends that love to us.

Peace, *Pr. Jeremy*

Campfire



Worship

Important Dates

August 1st
Marshall Council

August 15th
Little Cedar Council

August 19th
Campfire Worship



CAUSE OF THE MONTH
AUGUST 2018 ANGEL FUND

Marshall and Little Cedar will be having the **Angel Fund** for their Cause of the Month in August. The Angel Fund helps provide assistance to students and families who are in financial need. As students work hard in their studies, it can be helpful to ease their minds over everyday obstacles in their path. The fund is used to provide things such as clothes, shoes, winter gear, personal hygiene items, and school supplies. Items that can't be provided through other programs. The elementary already has funds available for these kinds of needs, and so our funds will primarily be used in the middle/high school. Social workers, administrators, and teachers are our eyes and ears in the school to help identify these students.

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

Brandi & Tamra (Granddaughters of June Wolf)
Curt Lewison ~ Gerald Meier ~ Judy Johnson ~ Alice Koball
Mary Ann Munson ~ Dan Morgan ~ Judy Johnson
Karen Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)

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



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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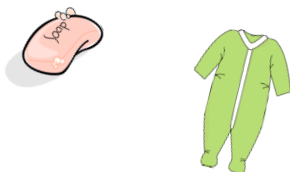
*****Lutheran World Relief Kits*****

It is time again to start shopping for LWR Kits. School supplies will be abundant soon so grab a list in the narthex of both churches and slip it in your purse or pocket so you have it available whenever you need it.

Kits will be delivered to Albert Lea sometime this fall they have not sent a date yet.

Kits being collected are as follows:

- Bars of Soap**
- School Kits**
- Personal Care Kits**
- Baby Care Kits**
- Fabric Kits**



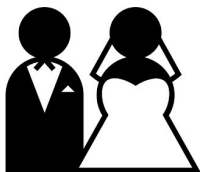
Daycare News ~ July 2018



July was full of fun! We had water days, were able to watch Vacation Bible School children and make crafts for Independence Day. The weather has been beautiful! Jess, the assistant, brought in sweet peas from her field. The kids were able to split them open and taste them. They loved it! We then made sweet peas out of paper plates. Can't believe summer is almost over!

Kate Wiste
Little Cedar
Daycare Director

♥OPEN BRIDAL SHOWER♥



AN OPEN BRIDAL SHOWER
FOR EMILY HARBER
BRIDE TO BE OF ADAM VOIGT

WILL BE HELD AT
MARSHALL CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUG. 12TH AT 2:00PM

THE COUPLE IS REGISTERED AT:
TARGET & BED BATH & BEYOND

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

Beginning Balance 1/1/18	\$11,214.93
Income	\$102,286.54
Expenses	\$111,261.48
Balance 6/30/2018	\$ 2,239.99

Summer Campfire Worship Schedule

Sunday Evening @ 6:30pm
Last Service ~ August 19th

Campfire worship at Little Cedar by the peace garden! It will be a laid back service of campfire songs, fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Please join us!

Don't forget to bring your Lawn Chair!!



"You said we could bring a friend!"

Service Group #2

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Linda & Jon Gilles (507)582-7734

Mavis Wermager (507)584-6628

LaMonte & Julie Gray Family (507)582-3437

Kevin Hanson (507)325-4597

June Hanson (507)433-5886

Richard & Pat Hinz (507)582-3466

Norm & Joan Hoeft (507)582-3564

Bryant & Ann Hokeness (507)584-6812

Duane & Meridee Wigham (507)582-3125

Alice Wiste (507)582-7752

Penny Gilson (507)438-8884

Bill & Linda Jahn (507)202-3295

Den & Cathy Sumner (507) 440-5068



August

Communion clean-up

August 5th & 19th

Coffee Hours

NONE

Meals on Wheels

August 6th thru 17th

Serve any functions requested



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

Head Usher for August

**Bryce Nelson
438-1682**

**♥Ronald McDonald House♥ Needs
Your Help**

On Sunday, April 29th there was an insert in your bulletin for Essential Donation Needs for The Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. More copies are available on the table outside the office. There will be a box in the Narthex designated for these donations. Keep the list in your purse or car and the next time you go out shopping you will have it with you.

Questions ask Roger Weness. Thank you!

Readers



August 5th
August 12th
August 19th
August 26th

Jan Weness
Carol Matheis
Cindy Jax
Steve Schroeder



Quilters meet at
Little Cedar
Monday ~ August 6th

Youth & Education News



We cannot wait to share our stories about our amazing trip to Houston!

Join us on September 9th for a Joint Worship Service at Little Cedar at 10am.

Vacation Bible School News

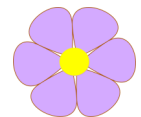
We had a great week with Good Earth Village learning that we are a beloved child of God. We studied I John 4:7-8 and we learned about BeLoved Being, BeLoved Belonging, BeLoved Behaving, BeLoved Believing and BeLoved Beyond. Thank you to Payton, Celia, Linsey, Ben and Lee for all their enthusiasm, and fun and for showing us that God is love. We had 65 students attend and had about 18 helpers on and off throughout the week; many thanks to those helpers as we could not do it without you. Thank you to Pastor Jeremy & Sandy and Brian & Sherry Schotanus for hosting & feeding our GEV Counselors. Thank you to Pat & Rick Hinz, Roger & Jan Weness and Lahoma Retterath for feeding them dinner as well. Thanks to Kevin & Carie Hanson and Deb & Al Fasbender for each providing lunch one of the days for our campers and counselors. Thank you also to the many people who donated money towards VBS. There are too many to name, but you know who you are and please know it is very appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars—It is sure hard to believe we are starting our last month of Summer 2018. Here are some dates to put on your calendars:

September 5th – Confirmation Parent/Student meeting at 6:30pm. This is for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

September 9th - Joint Worship Service to hear about Houston at 10am at Little Cedar with a free will meal to follow (if you received a postcard in the mail, your meal is provided!)

September 9th – Senior High LYO's first meeting



September 12th – Confirmation starts (5pm for 6th grade and 6pm for 7th & 8th grade)

September 16th – Rally Sunday at Little Cedar & Marshall

Our Houston 2018 Adventure

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your doing; it is the gift of God.”

Our adventure started on Sunday, June 24th at 10am. We had lots of prep to do before the morning worship at 10:30am. It was a great service and blessing. We then packed the bus and headed out on our journey. We spent some quality time together doing our bible study. The bible study is to help prepare our hearts and minds for the work we will do in Houston. Our main topics were Community, Reformation, Home, Compassion, Love, Relationship, Justice, Advocacy and Purpose. We also went through quite a storm on the way down. The bus drivers (Tom and Bruce) did great. We just kept studying to help keep us occupied!

On Monday we arrived very early in Waco, Texas so we spent some time in McDonald's while we waited for Magnolia Farms to open. It was very sticky and rainy plus we were fresh off a 19-hour bus ride! We spent a few hours there before heading to Houston. Check in was not the smoothest but it was all worth it. We spent the afternoon enjoying the beautiful, Texas shaped lazy river and the wonderful pool. The LYO provided some really delicious pizza from Frank's. We spent the evening decorating clothespins to share with youth from all over. It will be fun to collect items from others as well. We then went and toured the Discovery Green Park across from the hotel. What a beautiful area.

We had beach day on Tuesday. We were able to sleep in a little bit before getting back on the bus to head to Stewart Beach on Galveston Island. It was a beautiful beach with amazing water. We could see God' creation everywhere that day. It was very hot and there were some sunburns but nothing to awful! We stayed until mid-afternoon before heading back to Houston to get ready to go the Houston Astros game against the Toronto Blue Jays. You could see Minute Maid Park from our hotel so we figured we best go check it out. It was a big hitting game and the Astros won.

Wednesday *God's CALL Changes Everything* Before the gathering officially started we took some time to relax and enjoy the pool some more. Most trips there is not a pool or it is too crowded so this was a very nice bonus for the kids. We had our First 15 devotion time before lunch and then went to eat at Bud's Pitmaster BBQ right across from our hotel. This again gave us time to rest our tummies before trying out the Metro Rail for the first time. We then headed to the Community Life at NRG Arena. The kids were expected to do at least 2 activities. There was so much to do. Getting in at NRG Stadium was a nightmare. We were there extra early and still missed the soft opening at 6:30pm. We made it for the main event though and it was a great start to our 5-day gathering. We heard from The Rev. Tuhina Rasche, Deborah Mouton, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bryan Stevenson. The music was provided by the House Band as well as LZ7, Josiah Williams and Ginny Owens. The Metro trip back to the hotel was a nightmare though so we decided to get our bus from now on (for at least the trip back to the hotel)

Thursday *God's LOVE Changes Everything* We had Interactive Day at NRG Center. Again, with a relaxed morning, we went on a surprise adventure. We used the Metro Rail to find one of the Murals that Houston is famous for. I had planned for us to stop at Frank's for lunch to have some more of that delicious pizza. We feel it was a God thing because it was too busy. This lead us to continue on and after finding the beautiful mural, we found a park. After this we headed up to NRG Center. The kids had to do 9 activities at least; one from each category: reflect, move, bond, dream, accompany, connect and serve plus 2 more! Things went way more smoothly getting in to the Stadium for the mass gathering. We enjoyed hearing from Caroline Meeker, The Rev. Aaron Fuller, Deacon Erin Powers and Marlon Hall. In addition to the House Band we heard music from Ryan Brown and Rachel Kurtz (from Minnesota!) It was so nice to have our bus for a quick ride back.

Friday *God's GRACE Changes Everything* Today was our Synod Day and it was at our hotel. It was fun to worship with our Southeastern MN Synod (about 1,000 of us) and Bishop Delzer. Our main message was focused on Grace. It was neat to share communion and a time of blessing with our synod. We had an early supper across from our hotel at The Lake House at Discovery Green Park. It was very reasonable and very good. While there we got a message that the Metro Rail was done because a Semi ran in to one of the cars. So again, our bus drivers Tom and Bruce to the rescue. With a quick call, they were able to pick us up and take us to NRG stadium for Mass Gathering. Our speakers tonight were Elizabeth Peter, The Rev. Will Starkweather, Michaela Shelley, The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber and Jasmine Sequarra. Music was from the House Band and Tauren Wells. It was a late night as we had our Communion instruction for Sunday morning after the Mass Gathering.

Saturday *God's HOPE Changes Everything* Our relaxed mornings are done! Saturday was our Service Learning Day. We had to meet at 5:45am to get to the Metro Rail. It would be slower because of the accident but it was what we needed to use to get there. Our project was with the Blast off for Books event. We went to an After-School Project to read to kids and play with them. It was a very humbling experience and God was definitely there with us reminding us to be patient and kind. When we got back we spent more time in Community Life at NRG Arena where we were Wednesday. There were more games and activities to play as well as a Bible Study and Concert some attended. At the Mass Gathering we heard from The Rev. Dr. Stephen Bousman, Carson McCullar, Joe Davis, Jamie & Rebekah Bruesehoff and Maria Rose Belding. The special music was from Tenth Avenue North.

Sunday *JESUS Changes Everything* Today was another early day but so worth it. The kids did a great job of packing up their rooms and keeping things nice. We did room checks at 6am and headed for the bus. We needed to be at NRG Stadium at 7:15am to get our final instructions for communion and offering. What an experience for us to help serve communion and offering to 31,000+ Lutherans. The kids all did a great job and were amazing. Again, many God sightings through this experience! And then the announcement that it would be in Minneapolis in 2021 gave us all the energy we needed to finish out the day. From the Gathering we heading to the Johnson Space Center before heading home. We had more bible study and discussion on the way home. These kids are amazing. We had a great trip. God showed up in so many small and big ways for all of us.

The ride home was quiet but that gave me lots of time to think about Minneapolis 2021! So close to home but yet will still be great!

Thank you so much to all the students and Jim, Pastor Jeremy & Sandy for making this such a great trip. Thank you everyone back home who prayed for us and supported us with money and items. We are blessed to live in such a caring and kind community. It is a trip these 23 kids will remember for a lifetime!

*These were our topics each day. We would talk about them at our First 15 and Final 15 and then they were also incorporated in to our speakers each night.

**Join us on September 9th to learn more about the speakers and the activities we did.

The Little Cedar church council met on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Chairperson, Steve Schroeder, called the meeting to order. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Siri and read by Sherry Schotanus. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Joe Matheis, Steve Schroeder, Sherry Schotanus, Tracy Smith, Carrie Sorgatz, Janet Stephenson, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Isaac Ydstie. Absent: Mary Conroy, Lydia Frank, Mike Lamp, Linda Logsdon, Lyn Meany, Sarah Mergen.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Joe Matheis that the secretary's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

Correspondence: Mille reported that we have the annual report from the Mission Investment Fund if anyone is interested in reading it. Joe reported that the bus drivers that transported our LYO members to the Youth Gathering reported that they were very impressed with the behavior and neatness our youth.

Treasurer's Report: Mille Weness presented the treasurer's report. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Tracy Smith that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Building: Joe Matheis reported on the estimate to have a new thermostat installed in the Fellowship Hall. Motion by Tracy Smith, seconded by Joe Matheis that we have Schmitz Electric install a new thermostat with the money to come from capitol improvement fund. Carried.

-Cemetery: Steve met with the tree trimmer to evaluate work to be done at the cemetery. Carter Conradt will be hired to trim trees.

-Daycare: Carrie Sorgatz reported on the daycare meeting held July 12.

-Youth and Education: Vacation Bible School is being held this week with a little over 70 children enrolled. Pastor reported that the LYO trip to Houston went well and all financial obligations were met.

Pastor's Report: Optional Confirmation classes will again be offered for 6th graders.

-Little Cedar will host the September 25 meeting of Zumbro River Conference pastors. The September service group will be asked to serve.

Outstanding Business:

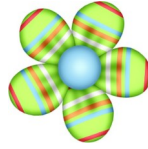
-A small 7-9 cubic foot freezer will be purchased to serve the kitchen and daycare.

New Business: None

Cause of the Month for August is The Angel Fund to help supply clothing and other needs for Southland Elementary students. The next meeting is **Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Sarah Mergen will give devotions. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer



Jan Weness, Secretary



Marshall Lutheran Church
 Council Meeting July 11, 2018

Titus 3:5
 He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Andrew Sprau.
Pastor Jeremy updates: Vacation Bible School to take place 7/16 week. 70ish kids are currently registered. Next campfire worship Sunday, 7/22. Houston trip went well!! 😊 Again this year, 6 th grade students can participate in Confirmation ‘action sessions’ if they would like. These sessions take place prior to formal confirmation classes and allow for dinner with the older kids.
Secretary’s report was read, Financial and Treasurer’s Reports were given. Total offering for June \$3012.00/\$146.00 COM (VBS). July Cause of the Month offering will be for Ruth DeHough. Motion by Donna Osmundson to accept the reports; motion second from Craig Hanson. Motion carried.
Old Business: Replacement of front doors – Forrest shares brochure with options for consideration. Discussion tabled until August. Siding options (where paint is peeling) – tabled until August.
New Business: Rally Sunday to take place in August – information pending. COM to October yet to be identified.
Move to adjourn from Forrest Himebaugh with second from Julie Hanson. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Members

Craig Hanson	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Linda Ludwig	O
Julie Hanson	X	Dawn Kiefer	X	Donna Osmundson	X
Forrest Himebaugh	X	Gary Kulow	O	Andrew Sprau	X
Gus Johnson	O	Tricia Kulow	O	Rodney Sprau	O

X = Present O = Absent