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Philippians 4

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

GREETINGS MARSHALL AND LITTLE CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCHES,

School is in session!! Well, sort of... Another school year is upon us, but it will certainly look different this year. Everything looks different this year. I'm guessing many of you are getting worn out from all of this. It has been a long haul and it's not done yet. Many of you may feel frustration, fatigue, anger, and sadness.

Philippians is a pretty awesome book. If you've never read it, please do. Best of all, it is only 4 chapters long. My kind of book. ☐ Philippians is all about perseverance in the face of challenges. Imagine the apostle Paul who has faced suffering, persecution and imprisonment, and now finds himself in prison once again. Here he is in prison speaks out in joy, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Paul went through challenges for years. But through all of this, Paul continues to speak truth, do the right thing, and gives praise and joy to God. We are a broken people. We don't have the strength alone. But through Christ, we are given strength to continue living with joy and hope. It is only through him. As Paul says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Peace, *Pr. Jeremy*

*It's not the seven times that you fall down that matters,
it's the one time you get up.*



Important Dates

September 2nd
Marshall Council

September 13th
Backpack Blessing
LC Rally Sunday

September 16th
Little Cedar Council

September 23rd
Parent/Student Confirmation
Meeting



Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who love
your law; nothing can make them
stumble.

COVID NEWS



It has been 5 months since we were first impacted by Covid-19. Who would have thought we would still be dealing with this in such an intense way and where words like mask, pandemic and quarantine have become so common in our daily life. Due to COVID-19 there are many restrictions that have been added.

Here is a update on changes that have been made at Little Cedar and Marshall to help keep our members and community safe.

1. If in the building (Little Cedar or Marshall), you **must wear a mask.**
2. There will be no "Coffee Hour" in September at Little Cedar.
3. We will continue with outdoor worship for as long as weather allows.

Little Cedar @ 9:00AM ~ Marshall @ 10:30AM

Rental of the Little Cedar Fellowship Hall for showers, reunions, etc. will be required to read and sign a **NEW** contract for using the building. **Masks must be worn at all times.** A fee of \$25 will be added for the extra sanitizing that will have to be done after the group leaves the building.

Organizations such as Boy, Cub & Girls Scouts, 4-H etc. will have a waiver to sign to use the building.

Note that changes may need to be made once Sunday School and Confirmation start.

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

Lahoma Retterath ~ Sarah Jax ~ Tim Dahle ~ Jim Bustad ~ Sharon Osmundson
Wayne Underdahl ~ Larry Nerison ~ Larry Croker ~ Pastor Wayne Quibell
Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klautd ~ Terry Emanuel ~ Dan Morgan ~ Alice Koball
Ramona Hanson ~ Mel Thome

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

COVID Office Hours Are: Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm

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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After being closed for a little over 2 months this spring, we have opened up again with some changes! Community members have graciously donated time, money and energy to upgrading our playground. We have more cement and laid sod so our grass looks beautiful now! All of our kids were able to come back with an additional child at the start. Another family just started a couple weeks ago to make us at full capacity. We have enjoyed so much time outside with water days and running through the wonderful yard. We just had our relicensing visit and passed with no issues. Good for another two years! We are excited and nervous to start another school year of curriculum and learning. We also ask if you visit the daycare to please use hand sanitizer before entering the room and wear a mask.

*Kate Wiste, Director
Little Cedar Daycare*



Lutheran World Relief Kits:

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief “Quilts and Kits of Care” give families around the world some of life’s essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone. From chronic poverty and conflict to drought and typhoon, the intensity of humanitarian needs continues to increase. Your quilts and kits are urgently needed!

*******DEADLINE FOR COLLECTING KITS WILL BE OCTOBER 7TH*******

You may drop your Kits off in the entryway of both Little Cedar and Marshall.

♥Quilts



♥School Kits



School Supplies

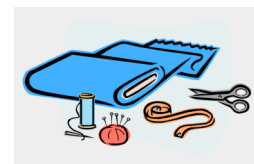
♥Baby Care Kits



♥Personal Care Kits



♥Fabric Kits



Backpack Blessing

We will have our annual Backpack Blessing at Little Cedar (9am) and Marshall (10:30am) on Sunday, September 13th. This is for students and adults we carry a bag to school or work. Worship will be outside and social distancing rules will be in place.

Little Cedar Sunday School News—We will have Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 13th during morning worship. This will take place outside. If there is bad weather and we have to move worship inside, Rally Sunday will be postponed.

We will welcome our newest Sunday School members and present bibles to our 2nd Graders.

3-year-olds: Nash Emanuel, Lyle Frank, Scarlett Gerber, Adalyn Hanson, Brielle Hanson, Leighton Mueller, Elliot Retterath, Ashlyn Stroup, Nora Wiste

2nd Graders receiving Bibles: Harper Felten and Lane Hanson

**We will have installation of Sunday School leaders & Confirmation helpers. Following church, we will have some fun activities outdoors for the kids to start the new year.

Regular Sunday School Class will start on September 20th. We will be outside for as long as the weather permits this fall and reevaluate after that.



Mark Your Calendars Confirmation Sunday October 4th.

At Little Cedar:

Coltan Bryan

Cody Krull

Brad Lagerstedt

Gavin Mergen

Riley Walerak

At Marshall:

Jessie Hanson

Julia Kiefer

Hope Stephens

First Communion Sunday is October 25th.

All classes will be at Little Cedar at 4pm on Wednesday, October 7th, 14th and 21st.

Little Cedar Student:

Lauren Sorgatz



Marshall Students:

James Heimer

Alyssa Himebaugh

Youth & Education News Continued

Confirmation News



9th Grade

Students will meet on Wednesday, September 16th, 23rd and 30th to finalize plans for their Confirmation Sunday. As of now we are planning for 6:30pm (please eat at home). Parents will need to stay on September 16th as we will need to make our stoles again this year. Our other order was cancelled due to Covid. There are still a few unknowns for Confirmation Sunday but the students will be confirmed on October 4th. We are planning for this to be outside weather permitting. If it has to be moved inside, masks will be required and we will need to make even more adjustments.

6th, 7th & 8th Grade

There will be a parent meeting on September 23rd hopefully outside so we can social distance without masks. We will meet with each grade separately to help with social distancing. We will confirm the meeting times as the day gets closer but are looking at 6, 6:30 and 7.

Confirmation classes will start on October 7th. 6th Grade will start at 4pm, supper will be at 5pm and 7th and 8th Grade will have class from 5:30 to 6:30pm. We will be outside as much as possible as masks will need to be worn in the church. The kids are able to come over after school but we are still working on finalizing plans for their safety. Of course, if Covid finds its way into the school and our community, all things we have planned will be reevaluated.



Where to begin!?!? What a crazy ride it has been and will most definitely continue to be for the foreseeable future. During this unprecedented time and as our normal routines have drastically changed, I hope and pray that all of you, my youth and your families, are well and that you have been able to find some peace during this pandemic.

I continue to hold you all in my prayers as school approaches. I pray for your safety and your health. I am always here for any of you during these difficult times and please know that your church and our Lord love you through all the good and the bad.

Hope to see you all soon, social distanced, masked, outside, however we can be safe!

Love and prayers,

Tara

“I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.” Ephesians 3:19



Marshall Lutheran Church ~ Council meeting, August 5, 2020

Isaiah 43: 1But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. 2When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. 3For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior....

Minutes ~ respectfully submitted by, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink,
Pastor Jeremy updates:

- Informs that he's started to visit parish members at their homes as able.
- Would like to proceed as public schools will for confirmation this fall. If students are attending school, in person, confirmation would be the same. May reconsider group meals or meal options. Council offers suggestions for consideration.
- Baccalaureate at the football field went well, with positive feedback received.

Secretary's and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.

- Total offering for July \$7,227.00/\$87.00 COM – Southland Angel Fund.
- August Cause of the Month offering will be for the United Way.
- Marcelle Voigt memorials = \$60 for the cemetery fund, \$50 for memorial fund.

Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Donna. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Continue with evening services through 8/23. Beginning 8/30 services with go back to 10:30 a.m. time.
- COVID-19 Preparedness Plan reviewed and approved with motion from Gary and second from Linda. Note that changes may need to be made, updates added, once Sunday school and Confirmation start.
- Pastor Jeremy advises that Christian Brothers Seal Coating does maintenance work for the LC parking lot. He will reach out for an estimate on the Marshall frontage road. Rod to inquire with State Line Asphalt Company. Council will review after road construction is completed.
- Pastor will inquire with gentleman in Clear Lake regarding additional quote for stained glass/window repair. Council to revisit at a future meeting.
- Sunday school to begin in October with the pumpkin hunt as kick-off. Kathy/Isaac Himebaugh to have one group with Sarah/Lonnie McKay to teach the second. Note that hay ride may need to be revisited.
- Additional supplies have been purchased for maintenance of the cemetery shed.

New Business:

- Note that a couple of pine trees went down with a recent storm and that the fence behind the cemetery has been bent. Trees have since been cleaned up. Thanks so very much!
- Len to call Darin Boe regarding possible tile line blockage. Note that with recent digging in the cemetery there was unexpected standing water.

Move to adjourn from Andrew with second from Gary. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.



Carie Hanson (Finance)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink (Chairman)	X
Kevin Hanson (I)	X	Dawn Kiefer (Secretary)	X	Donna Osmundson (I)	X
Chris Himebaugh (D)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Andrew Sprau (I)	NA
Dale Himebaugh (Treasurer)	X	Linda Ludwig (D)	X	Rodney Sprau (I)	X



Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Carol Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by John Jax. **Members present:** Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Carol Matheis, Millie Weness, Vicki Kiefer, John Jax, Lynn Johnson, Mary Conroy, Christ Roser, Spencer Medgaarden and Becky Hartwig. **Members absent:** Carrie Sorgatz

Secretary's Report: Motion by John Jax and seconded by Mary Conroy to accept minutes as printed., Motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter was read from St. John's Lutheran Church of Elkton in regard to Pastor Liz's retirement. Pastor Jeremy will contact their council and see what their needs are and how we could help. A committee of John Jax, Carol Matheis, and Mary Conroy volunteered if they decide to meet and discuss further.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Lynn Johnson and seconded by Vicki Kiefer to accept treasurers report as printed.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building: Seal coating bid from Christian Bros. was reduced to \$6,400.00. (Thank you Spencer).

Chans Meyer will be spraying the church grounds this fall.

Life and Missions: Questions on having coffee after church services will be decided later.

Personnel: Reviews will happen in September.

Youth & Education: Elementary Religious Release will probably be on Thursdays this year.

Middle and High School will meet on Tuesday.

Sunday School will have Rally Sunday on September 13th – will plan on outside as long as possible.

Confirmation will follow school guidelines about meeting. In person, outside, virtual if necessary.

9th grade will meet in September for classes missed in the spring. 6th & 7th & 8th will start in October.

Parent meeting September 23rd.

Worship and Music:

Communion has been once a month and will continue that for now. Having church inside or outside for the fall.

Tabled until September Meeting.

Pastors Report: Pastor has been visiting members outside at their homes. Also has been bringing communion to members at Cedar Court Apts. While also staying outside.

Outstanding Business: Lutefisk/Meatball Dinner. Discussed having a meatball dinner---takeout only. Will contact members and get feedback on volunteers to do this.

New Business: Pastor presented our COVID 19 Preparedness Plan. Motion by Millie Weness to approve subject to changes, seconded by Lynn Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussed donations to be dispersed from Lutefisk Fund. \$2000 to Iowa Disaster Assistance. Pastor will contact Lutheran Disaster Response for information on where it is needed. \$500 to each for the Campus Ministry Programs and \$500 to Good Earth Village. Motion by Spencer Medgaarden and seconded by John Jax to approve these donations. Motion carried.

Requests from groups wanting to use our building. Boy Scouts, showers, etc. Allowed with limited capacity, following health guidelines, limit to one space/room. \$25 cleaning fee will be added to the rental fee.

Next meeting will be Weds., September 16th at 7:30pm. Millie Weness will do devotions. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

To be approved at the next council meeting in September