

Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches
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December 2018

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



¹ John 12:44-50

⁴⁴Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. ⁴⁵And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. ⁴⁶I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness. ⁴⁷I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸The one who rejects me and does not receive my word has a judge; on the last day the word that I have spoken will serve as judge, ⁴⁹for I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak. ⁵⁰And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I speak, therefore, I speak just as the Father has told me."

Happy Advent Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

I have a friend who has been posting on Facebook a countdown to Christmas for the past six months. He pretty much does it every year starting in June. He loves Christmas so much and is so excited that he can't contain himself. I must say that it is rather amusing.

There is an incredible excitement that leads up to Christmas. And it is not so much about the presents, food, and decorations. Although those things are pretty great and add to the joy of Christmas. Instead it is about the light that shines in the darkness.

I am sitting and writing this in the Little Cedar sanctuary. It is one of the places I find some quiet around the church to work on writing. J During the day, the stain glass windows can bring in some beautiful light of orange and yellow into the sanctuary. Jesus is that light that shines into the darkness of the world.

Christmas then is also about us bringing that light unto the world as well. Jesus came into the world to live in servitude and to enter into the pain, brokenness, and suffering in the world. That then is what Christmas is about. That we may remember the birth of Christ by sharing God's light and love with the world. Living in the same servitude to others. Entering into and easing the pain and brokenness in this world. May we embody the love of Christ unto the world this Christmas.

Wishing you a blessed, fun, fulfilling, and safe Christmas!

In Christ, *Dr. Jeremy*



Important Dates

December 5th

Marshall Council Meeting

December 9th

Marshall Sunday School Program

Senior LYO

Christmas in the Barn

December 16th

Little Cedar Sunday School Program

Christmas Schedule

Sunday School Programs

Marshall ~ December 9th ~ 10:30am

Little Cedar ~ December 16th ~ 9:00am



Christmas Eve Worship

Monday ~ December 24th

Little Cedar ~ 5:00pm Marshall ~ 7:30pm



**A SEASON
of JOY**

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

Alice Koball ~ Curt Hamilton ~ Marcelle Voigt ~ Allan Lewison ~ June Wolf
Brandi (Granddaughter of June Wolf)
Karen Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)
Mel Thome ~ MaryAnn Munson ~ Dan Morgan
Mary Finbraaten ~ Bob Weness
Dawn Weaver (Daughter of Neil & Judy Johnson)



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

Senior Pastor

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♪ Sounds of the Season & Other Things ♪

Featuring Keyboard Duets by:

The PJ's

Pat Hinz & Jane Orvik

Sunday, December 16th @ 3:00pm

@ Little Cedar

An Offering will be taken to support Ruth DeHoogh



Poinsettia Order Forms are available for you to fill out and drop off in the church office. Deadline to order is December 14th. Cost \$8.00

Fall Bible Study

The Holy Spirit, the Church, and the Gospel ~ What does it mean to be the church? Come join me to dig into the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Gospel! Next Bible Study will be on **Thursday, December 6th @ 9am**. As always, the study sheets will be available on the Pastor's door, and the Bibl-E-Study will be sent out each week of the study.



Christmas in the Barn will be **Sunday, December 9th @ 6pm** at the Kevin & Jill Sathre Farm.

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

2018 Budget	\$216,531.00
2018 Income 10/31/18	\$153,060.00
<u>2018 Expenses 10/31/18</u>	<u>\$175,805.00</u>
Budget Deficit 10/31/2018	\$ -22,745.00

Daycare News ~ November 2018

"Baby It's Cold Outside"!! Brrrrr! November has been a pretty chilly month, that we haven't gotten outside as much as we wanted to. While we were inside, we met Rose the Rectangle, learned the color brown, made some Thanksgiving turkey cars and Indian hats, worked on the letters G,H and I and numbers 4 & 5. The kiddos learned which table manners were good and what were not. The children helped me make our new poster outside of the daycare room. It's truly the meaning of Christmas - Isaiah 9:6 For Unto Us a Child Is Born. Here's to wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Kate Wiste, Director
Little Cedar Daycare



Please consider donating to the Senior LYO's December Service Project.

They will be shopping on Sunday, December 9th for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Program and then delivering the toys to KAAL TV.



There are tags on a Christmas Tree at Little Cedar and on the bulletin board at Marshall. You can take the tag and keep it as a reminder of your donation or place it in the Wrapped Christmas box with your donation.

Checks can be written to:
Little Cedar & Marshall LYO

You can also donate a new, unwrapped toy if you would prefer! You can leave them by the tree before noon on December 9th at Little Cedar.

Service Group #4

Scott & Tammy McMasters (507)438-2903~Co-Chair

Dave & Millie Weness (507)582-3500~Co-Chair

Chans & Holly Meyer (507)438-1376

Lyn Meany Family (507)438-2029

Curt & Kay Lewison (507)582-3208

Kristina & Joe Matheis (208)390-5074

Gladys & Don Morgan (507)437-3968

June Wolf (507)582-3200

Bev Vangsness (507)582-3194

John & Tammy Loecher Family (507)582-3272

Tara Mandt Family (507)438-2996

Carol Matheis (507)582-3469

Patricia & Ron Milks Family (507)582-3037

Heather Felten Family (507)440-9590

Marcia Mullenbach (507)582-7758

Rod Nordeng (507)437-4778

Lori Krull (507)438-1423



December

Communion clean-up

Dec 2nd & Dec 24th & Dec 30th

Coffee Hours

Dec 9th, Dec 16th,

Dec 24th, Dec 30th

December 16th Christmas Program may need more

Deliver Meals on Wheels

Dec 3rd thru Dec 7th

Serve any functions requested

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

Head Usher for December

John Jax 582-7797

Readers

Dec. 2nd	Lyn Meany
Dec. 9th	Kiyanna Meyer & Carter Johnson
Dec. 16th	Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 23rd	Cindy Jax
Dec. 30th	Kristina Matheis

Cause of the Month for December

Marshall

“Sunday School”

Little Cedar

Please consider donating to the

****Senior LYO’s December Service Project.**

****More information on page 4**

Quilters meet at Little Cedar

Monday TBD

December @ 1:00pm



Youth & Education News

The next **Senior High LYO** meeting is tentatively set for **Sunday, December 9th**. We will shop for Toys for Tots and deliver the toys before we have supper and our party.

November Minutes—The Senior LYO held their November meeting on Sunday, November 18th. 9 students went to Applebee's for lunch and our meeting. We then went to ROCA (rock climbing). It was a great time. We all tried something new and conquered our fears! Our next meeting is scheduled for December 9th.

Ashlynn Mandt, Vice President



A Christmas Prayer

Gracious, loving and merciful God, on this Christmas Eve, as the light of your Word penetrates our hearts, as we are reminded of the gift of life and faith, as the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church, we open ourselves up to your Spirit and give you thanks. We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that your story has become our story, and we celebrate your birth. to take to heart the wonder of your love, that we may walk in your ways and delight in your will. Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be.

Rev. Dr. Sean B. Murray



Junior High LYO

Watch for details on our Christmas Party.



Little Cedar Sunday School News

The Sunday School & Confirmation Students are excited to present 'The King's Birthday' at 9am on Sunday, December 16th during morning worship.



"Yes, it's beautiful — but can we talk about its placement?"



CONFIRMATION NEWS

We **DO NOT** have class on December 26th for Christmas Break.

Confirmation Meals

December 5th—Joni & Mike Walerak
December 12th—Heather Felten
December 19th—Joe & Kristina Matheis

Marshall Church Assistants

- *December 2—**Trent Canterbury**
- *December 9—Chloe Whipple
- *December 16—**Jessie Hanson**
- *December 23—Julia Kiefer
- *December 30—Logan Fasbender

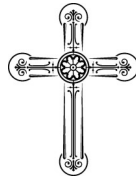
Little Cedar Church Assistants

- *December 2—U: Cody Krull G: Khlover Schulz
- *Communion Family—Gregory Crumb
- *December 9—U: Matthais Anderson G: Hope Stephens
- *December 23—U: Riley Walerak G: Coltan Bryan
- *December 30—U: Gregory Crumb G: Gavin Mergen

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *December 2—Micah Johnson
- *December 9—Abby Sorgatz
- *December 23—Ella Johnson
- *December 30—Elliot Medgaarden



If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Little Cedar Youth Sunday is December 9th.

Readers are: Kiyanna Meyer & Carter Johnson
Ushers are: Avery Medgaarden & Olivia Matheis

If you are unable to be at church, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Communion Helpers

December 2—Chase Johnson

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Little Cedar December Coffee Hour is

December 2nd. The lead family is Ron, Tricia & Noah Milks

The youth helper is Dawson Gilson.

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.



Little Cedar Church council met on **Wednesday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Steve Schroeder. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Steve gave devotions. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Linda Logsdon, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Sarah Mergen, Tracy Smith, Steve Schroeder, Carrie Sorgatz, Janet Stephenson, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Isaac Ydstie. Absent: Mary Conroy, Lydia Frank, Mike Lamp, Sherry Schotanus.

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

Treasurer's Report: Millie explained the report and answered any questions. There was a minus \$4,280 balance at the end of October. Motion by Linda Logsdon, seconded by Jan Weness that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

Committees:

-Finance - Information for online banking or bill pay for church contributions will be in the Churchmouse. This makes it easier for congregation members to have more consistent giving even when not at Sunday worship.

-Personnel - Finance and personnel committees met with Marshall council members to make salary proposals for 2019. Vote for acceptance of proposals will be made at the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor attended the Fall Theological Conference in La Crosse, with the theme on racism. Synod Bishop Delzer will be retiring at the end of his term and a new bishop will be elected at the Synod Assembly next spring. Pastor has been attending continuing education classes in Faribault once a month. We will have a service of hymns and readings the Sunday after Thanksgiving as Pastor and family will be gone.

Outstanding Business:

-It was decided to do a church directory in 2019. A paper ballot vote was taken on who would take pictures for the church directory. Captured Portraits by Kristina will take pictures and put together the church directory with a free directory to everyone who has their picture taken.

New Business:

-Millie Weness reviewed the proposed budget for 2019. Motion by Tracy Smith, seconded by Joe Matheis to bring the proposed budget to the annual meeting for approval. Carried.

-Motion by Sarah Mergen, seconded by Jan Weness to purchase a new laptop for Tara, not to exceed \$500. The money is to come from passbook savings. Carried.

-It was decided to get some estimates to get the Fellowship Hall carpet cleaned.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 19, at the Jan Weness home at one mile north of Adams on County 7, at 15817 665 Ave., Adams. We will meet for soup and potluck at 7:00pm. Everyone is to bring something to share. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

Little Cedar Council





Marshall Lutheran Church November 7, 2018 Council meeting

Leviticus 23:9-16 ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹⁰ "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. ¹¹ He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf; the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. ¹² On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD a lamb a year old without defect, ¹³ together with its grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the LORD, a pleasing aroma—and its drink offering of a quarter of a hin of wine. ¹⁴ You must not eat any bread, or roasted or new grain, until the very day you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live. ¹⁵ From the day after the Sabbath, the day you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, count off seven full weeks. ¹⁶ Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath and then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

Minutes

respectfully submitted,
Dawn Kiefer,
Marshall Council Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates: Bible Study topic will be the book of Acts and the story of Pentecost. Sun – Tue, 11/4-6 the Fall Theological Conference will be held in La Crosse, WI. Sunday, 11/25 – In Pastor’s absence, services will be Hymns/Readings as there is no Pulpit support.. The Service will focus on giving thanks. Advent Service is set to Christmas Carols. ☺ Monday 11/19 - delivery planned to Central Lutheran. They’ve identified a need for men’s clothing items. Information shared regarding member pictorial directory. It’s been 5 years since the last was done.</p>
<p>Secretary’s report was read, financial and treasurer’s reports were given. Total offering for October \$3,056.00/\$134.25 COM (Salvation Army). November Cause of the Month offering will be for Gerard Academy. Tricia advises that Focus on the Family inserts will cost \$12 more next year. Current cost for 50 inserts is \$84. Motion by Forrest to accept the reports; motion second from Linda. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business: Doors have been delivered to Adams Builder’s Supply. Determination as to when they may be installed and who is able to do the install. Forrest, Craig to inquire. Motion by Julie to pay for doors from the Building Fund, motion second from Donna. Motion carried.</p>
<p>New Business: Volunteers needed Tuesday 11/13, from 5-6:00pm, to serve dinner at the Salvation Army. Pastor to inquire prior to Sunday Services. Finance Committee to meet Wednesday, 11/14 at 6:00pm.. Donna to attend with Tricia. Note that Religious Release is going well so far his year</p>
<p>Move to adjourn from Forrest with second from Craig/Linda. . Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.</p>

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

X = Present O = Absent