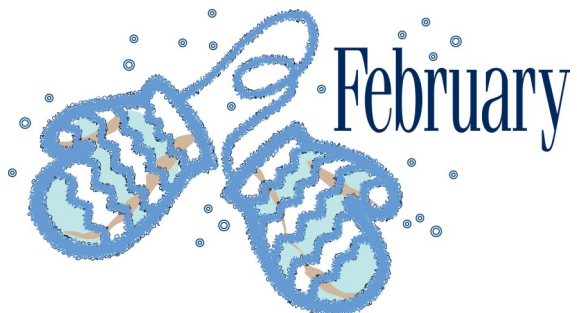


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## February 2022



### John 8:12

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

I kinda like snow. Yeah. I know. Some of you probably don't want to hear that kind of talk. I think we could use a big old snowstorm so that we all are stuck at home for a couple days. The down side to all of it is that I think we could all use a little more sunshine.

This cold and dark time of the year is good for lighting candles. Our family likes to light candles in our home. I like that wood wick candles that make a nice crackling sound. Perhaps most importantly, it brings a hint of light. The warmth of light can bring so much comfort. With the scent of the candle it wakes up nearly all the senses. It makes the worries of the world disappear.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Candlemas. It is a Christian Holiday that many traditions celebrate, although rarely in the United States. Many traditions in Europe celebrate Candlemas with their own cultural twist on the holiday. What all traditions have in common is a blessing of the candles for the year.

I encourage you during the cold and dark times of winter to light a candle in your home and say a prayer, or just simply take a moment to remember the light of Christ. Below I included a prayer of blessing for candles. In this New Year, may God bless you, your family, and your home.

Peace, *Pr. Jeremy*

O Gracious Father, almighty and eternal God, you separated the light from the darkness. You commanded your servant Moses to keep lamps continually burning before you. Bless and sanctify these candles that their light may be for us a visible reminder of the true light who enlightens everyone coming into the world. As these candles, kindled with a visible flame, scatter the darkness of night, so also may our hearts be enlightened by the invisible fire of the Holy Spirit that we might avoid the darkness of sin, see your salvation, and attain to the Light that never fades away. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Important Dates**

February 2nd  
Marshall Council

February 16th  
Little Cedar Council

**Looking Ahead**  
**March 2nd**  
Ash Wednesday Worship

**Lenten Schedules**

Ash Wednesday  
March 2nd @ Little Cedar  
Soup Supper @ 6:00pm  
Worship @ 7:00pm



**Lenten Worship Service Schedule**

March 9th @ St. John's Elkton  
March 16th @ Little Cedar  
March 23rd @ Marshall  
March 30th @ Little Cedar  
April 6th @ Marshall

Soup Supper @ 6:00pm  
Worship @ 7:00pm



**2022**

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

Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klaudt ~ Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier



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

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

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Happy New Year! This year has started out pretty rocky at day-care . We were together for about a couple weeks, then Covid hit. Just about all the kids, staff and parents tested positive within a week or so of each other. That means we haven't been together too much in the month of January. We did however, add a new assistant and lose an assistant. Crystal had to move and she ended up in Iowa. We will also be adding a BABY, Mason, to our group! His mom, Brooke Klaehn, will be our new assistant. We are looking forward to getting back into a routine and seeing all of our little friends again. Hopefully stay healthier next month than last. We are looking to purchase a new crib for our baby, so if anyone would like to donate their Thrivent card, we would greatly accept it. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to us at this time of illness to check in. We are very blessed to have a business in this wonderful community.

*Kate Wiste ~*  
Little Cedar Daycare Director



**Cause of the Month for February**

**Marshall**

“Ronald McDonald House”



♪Lent Music Madness♪

Ever wonder what's the greatest hymn of all time? Well, wait no longer! We are going to find out! During Lent we will be having a Lent Music Madness. In the style of an NCAA bracket, hymns will be eliminated during the season of Lent, leaving a champion crowned as “The Holiest of Hymns.” To get started, we need your help creating our bracket. Everyone has their favorite congregational hymns, so send us your favorites during the month of February! Do you have ten favorite hymns? Bring ‘em on! We will have a bucket at church for you to stuff full of your favorite hymn suggestions. You can also email us your favorites or even comment on our Facebook post to cast your votes. The top voted hymns will make the cut and will be seeded into our Lent Music Madness. So what will it be, “Holy, Holy, Holy!,” “How Great Thou Art,” or maybe “Amazing Grace”? Stay tuned to find out!



**Equal Exchange Update**

*There are still products to purchase at Little Cedar*

# Worship Assistants & Service

### Little Cedar Service Group #3

Co-Chairs: Tara Mandt & Sam and John Mueller

\*\*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 we all get!

- Jim & Lynn Johnson
- Brenda & Chris Landherr
- Mike & Lisa Lamp
- Linda Anderson
- Lucas Mandt
- Ed & Carol Koch
- Carol Lagerstedt
- David & Susan Lagerstedt
- Jill Sathre
- Chans & Holly Meyer
- Nancy Decker
- Vicki Kiefer
- Marcia Mullenbach
- Patricia & Ron Milks
- Phillip Milks
- Norm & Joan Hoeft



**Communion Clean-Up**  
February 6 and 20

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**  
February 14 through 25

**Coffee Hour**  
February 13, 20, 27

And any functions that are requested

**Little Cedar Readers**

February 6  
John Logsdon

February 13  
YOUTH—See Below

February 20  
Millie Weness

February 27  
Steve Schroeder

**Little Cedar High School  
Communion Helpers**

February 6—Kiyanna  
February 20—Coltan

**Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour**  
February 6—Felten/Crumb Family  
Helper: Abby Sorgatz family

**Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is February 13th**  
Ushers: Alizha & Gregory and Readers: Riley & Olivia

**Little Cedar Worship Assistants**

- \*February 6—Addison
- \*February 13—Adeline
- \*February 20—Lauren
- \*February 27—Taya

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



**Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants**

- \*February 6—Usher: JJ, Greet: Easton, Communion: Liliana
- \*February 13—Usher: Justin, Greet: Cameron
- \*February 20—Usher: Avery, Greet: Wyatt, Communion: Nolan
- \*February 27—Usher: Elliott, Greet: Beau

**Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants**

- \*February 6—Usher: Sara, Communion: Shannon
- \*February 13—Usher: Amy
- \*February 20—Usher: Brecken, Communion: Lillian
- \*February 27—Usher: Sara



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

Our January **Senior High LYO** meeting was held on January 9th. We had our Christmas party in Rochester. We went to Bowlocity for bowling and laser tag. We had supper at Buffalo Wild Wings and exchanged gifts. We had a great time!

Respectfully submitted,  
Alizha Kappers, Secretary

The **Junior High LYO's** Christmas party was January 16th at the LeRoy Travel Lanes. We bowled, had supper and a gift exchange. It was a fun time and lots of laughs were had. It was nice to be together outside of Wednesday night Confirmation.

### Confirmation Schedule & News:

**February 2—Regular Class—All Grades**

**February 9—Regular Class—All Grades**

**February 16—Regular Class—All Grades**

**February 23—Regular Class—All Grades**

**Watch for information on our Lenten Services coming soon.**

**Meal: Sathre Family**

**Meal: Forthun Family**

**Meal: Hill/Krull Family**

**Meal: Nolan Kiefer Family**

### Little Cedar Sunday School News

We will have class on February 6, 20 and 27.

Mark your Calendars:

We will plan to sing and participate in the Palm Processional on April 10th.



First Communion classes start on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and go through Wednesday, April 6th. Watch your emails for updates and more details.



**Students taking First Communion this year are:**

***At Marshall***

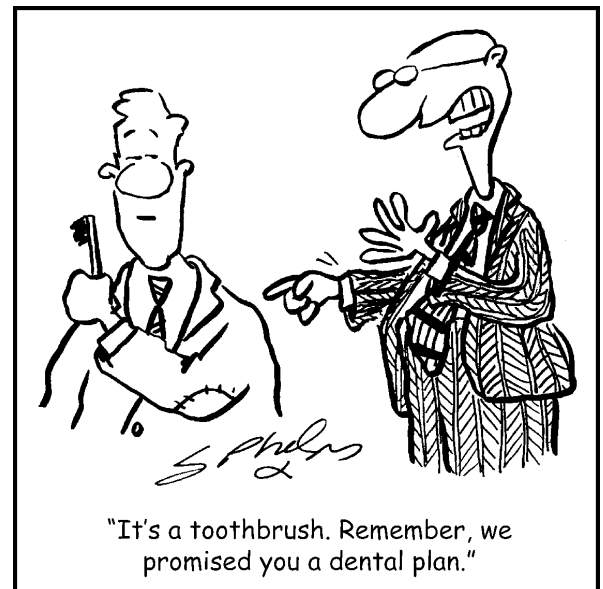
*Aria Kellogg*

*Adam Heimer*

***At Little Cedar***

*Sadie Webber*

We will bake bread and make banners on Saturday, April 9th and Palm Sunday/First Communion is Sunday, April 10th at both churches.



**Minutes**—respectfully submitted by, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink President.
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Sabbatical planned to start 6/6. Will confirm travel plans in a month or so and may depend on any travel restrictions.</li> <li>~ To contact synod for pulpit supply options while away, anticipate being away 4-6 weeks. Currently planning to be home for youth gathering, in the cities, in July.</li> <li>~ St. John's council meeting Sunday, 1/8. To discuss 3/9 soup supper during Lent in Elkton.</li> <li>~ Pastor Marcia done at the end of February. Pastor Jeremy will be looking for applicants to fill her spot. Perhaps consider pulpit supply if intern can't be found until summer.</li> </ul>
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Total offering for December \$9320.00/ \$380.00 for the Eagles Cancer Telethon. ☐</li> <li>~ January Cause of the Month offering will be for the Salvation Army.</li> </ul> <p>Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Kevin. Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ No changes to COVID action plan. Using current Mower County status as a guideline, congregations are asked to mask for church services at this time.</li> <li>~ Parish donations helped to cover costs for food packing</li> <li>~ Refugee sponsorship and conversations pending</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Council reviews 2021 plan vs. actual to prepare budget proposal for 2022. Review of proposed budget at January annual meeting.</li> <li>~ Motion to increase organist rate increase to \$60 per Sunday.</li> <li>~ Proposal – rearrange budget line items. Going forward will pay church secy. salary from shared expenses.</li> <li>~ Gary motions to accept budget changes as proposed with second from Kevin/Darrell and motion carries.</li>   <li>~ Nominating committee – Pastor to follow-up regarding seats to fill for 2022.</li> </ul>
<p>Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Kevin Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.</p> <p><i>Dawn Kiefer</i>—Secretary Marshall Council</p>



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Chris Roser, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Connie Sathre. The meeting was called to order by Pastor Jeremy. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Election of president of council was held. John Jax nominated Tracy Smith. Spencer Medgaarden volunteered to be co-president. Motion by Jan, seconded by Millie to cast a unanimous ballot for the co-chairs. Carried. Devotions were given by Pastor Jeremy.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Carol, seconded by John to accept the report as printed. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Several thank you notes for staff Christmas gifts and poinsettias given to members over 80 were read. There was also a thank you from the Lutheran Disaster Response for our gift.

**Treasurer's Report:** We ended the year with a balance of \$38,000. Millie reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion by John, seconded by Carol to accept the report as printed. Carried

**Committee Reports:**

- Daycare: The daycare has been closed several days because of Covid. A new assistant has been hired.
- Finance: Millie will schedule a finance meeting the middle of February. She also voiced a need to have a joint council meeting with Marshall. Pastor will schedule a meeting with both councils at a future date. Tara did get a new computer with funds to come from savings.
- Personnel: Carol is working on 2022 contracts and they will all be signed soon.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will begin his sabbatical on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The hope is to travel to Europe. Plans have not been finalized because of Covid concerns.

**Outstanding Business:**

- St. John's Intern: St. John's Elkton has applied to Wartburg Seminary for another intern to begin next summer. Pastor Jeremy would supervise the intern.

**New Business:**

- Lent begins in early March. Pastor would like us to think of a mission project to focus on during Lent.

Devotions for February will be given by Millie. The next council meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness, Secretary*

