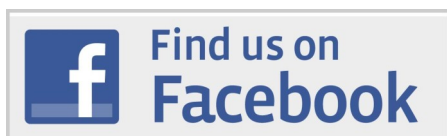


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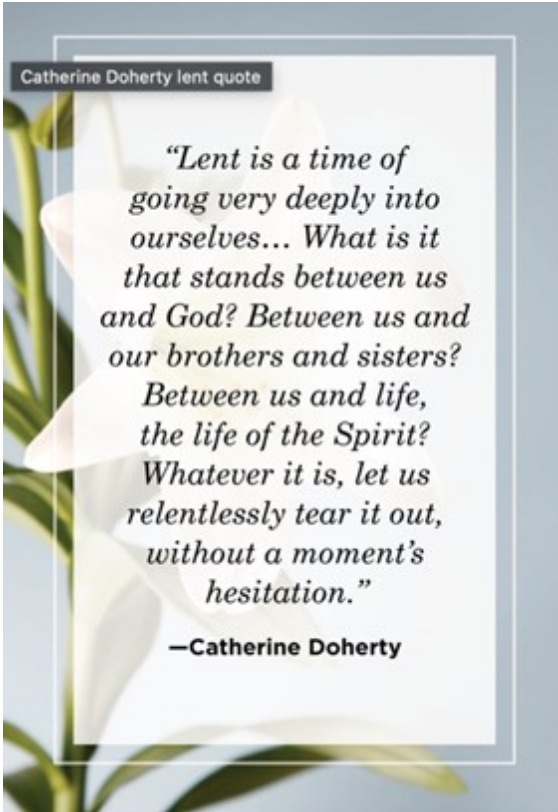
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March 2023

LENT Lent LENT Lent



Catherine Doherty lent quote

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

—Catherine Doherty

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches, As a child I loved Lent. Every week we would go to church on Wednesday evening. It would get us out of the house, we would eat yummy soup and bread, I would get to play with my friends, often times involving a snow ball fight, and sometimes we would make trouble. I don't know if I really knew what lent was really about as a child, but I do remember lent was fun and when we spent a lot of time at church as a community.

I hope that the enjoyment of Lent can be passed down to the next generation. Even if traditions change, gathering together as a community for learning, fellowship, support, and growing in faith is important for all of us, young and old!

So what is Lent all about. Lent is about simplicity, somberness, and solemnity. Lent is about penitence, prayer, fasting, service to others, and confession of sin rooted in the promise of forgiveness. I always find it such a powerful time, in which we slow down, spend time in reflection, and simplify our lives.

The weekday services during lent can be such a beautifully simple time. As is the tradition, we will have soup and bread at 6:00, and worship at 7:00 with Holden Evening Prayer and a skit!

Blessings during your Lenten Journey!

Pastor Jeremy



Important Dates

March 1st
Marshall Council

March 12th
Daylight Savings
Time Begins

March 15th
Little Cedar Council



2023

Lenten Worship Service Schedule

March 1st @ Marshall

March 8th @ Little Cedar

March 15th @ Marshall

March 22nd @ Little Cedar

March 29th @ Marshall

Soup Supper @ 6pm ~ Worship @ 7pm



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

Curt Lewison ~ Valeta Anderson

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

Little Cedar Baptism:
Henry Lucas Mandt—February 26, 2023—Parents Lucas & Emma



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

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Daycare News



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February was all about love and showing kindness to each other. We did not use our curriculum as much this month since we thought the kids needed a little rest from it. "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." – Fred Rogers

We did a lot of station play where kids picked partners and an activity. They switched after so long. They do great with this and it gives them an opportunity to play with others who they don't always play with.

The children made so many crafts for Valentine's Day. They turned out cute! We had a party where we painted milk jugs as they were the card holders for the card exchange. The kids dipped strawberries in melted chocolate and had chocolate covered strawberries. The theme for the lunch was hearts and pink/red.

O, P, Q were our letters that we made projects for. We learned how to draw hearts and got to decorate them with random items. It was a busy month and it seemed to fly by!

Kate Wiste ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director

♥Marshall Cause of the Month♥
March 2023
"Real Hope for the Hungry"



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BEGINS MARCH 12, 2023



Kid's Club Lenten Fun!

On **March 7th** we will be hosting a Kid's Club at Little Cedar for grades 2-5 after school until 5:30pm. The students will learn about the meaning and practices of Lent, and then make their very own delicious homemade soft pretzel and enjoy eating it while watching a movie. Legend says that a monk first created the pretzel over 1,300 years ago and still today is a symbol of prayer and traditional Lenten snack. We will coordinate with the school to walk kids from school over to the church. Alternatively, students can be dropped off at Little Cedar at 3:15. Students can then be picked up at 5:30.



Little Cedar Service Group #5

Chairs: Earl & Jane Orvik

**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!

Jeremy & Bonny Bryan

Patti Hamilton

Jim & Joni Osmundson

Debbie Retterath

Chris & Cathy Roser

Steve & Audrey Schroeder

Brian & Lani Wolff

Geneva Hamilton

Jeremy & Sandy Johnson

Kerry Webber

Megan Emanuel

Kody & Brooke Retterath

Lahoma Retterath

Julie Schmitz

Larry & Tammy Wilson



Communion Clean Up

March 5th & 19th

Deliver Meals on Wheels

March 13th through 24th

Coffee Hour

March 12th, 19th, & 26th

(not March 5th—this is LYO)

Serve any functions requested



Little Cedar Readers

March 5

Kern Hall

March 12

Adelyn & Kendra

March 19

Earl Orvik

March 26

Cindy Jax



Youth Worship Assistance

Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

March 5th—Helgeson Family
Elliot Medgaarden



LC High School Communion Helpers

March 5 — Wyatt
March 19—Abby



Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 12

Ushers: Juliette & Wyatt
Readers: Adelyn & Kendra



Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *March 5—Usher: Mya, Greeter: Kaden, Communion: Lauren
- *March 12—Usher: Nolan, Greeter: Liliana
- *March 19—Usher: Justin, Greeter: Beau, Communion: Kaden
- *March 26—Usher: Lauren, Greeter: Mya

Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

- *March 5—Usher: Brandt, Communion: Alex
- *March 12—Usher: Brecken
- *March 19—Usher: James, Communion: Lillian
- *March 26—Usher: Alex

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *March 5—Addison
- *March 12—Audrey
- *March 19—Sadie
- *March 26—Addie



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



Easter Lily Order Form~2023

Little Cedar



Marshall



Please fill out and bring to the church office.

Given by _____

In Memory In Honor

I would like _____ Lily/s
(number you wish to order)

Cost is \$12.00 per plant. Please enclose money with your order form.
Make checks payable to Little Cedar Church.
Deadline to order is April 3, 2023.

Youth & Education News

Little Cedar Sunday School News

In March we will have class on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. I am excited to continue our series on Tree of Healing. Please consider bring an offering for the ELCA World Hunger organization.

Marshall School News

We will have regular class the month of March.



Confirmation Schedule & Meals

We are in the season of Lent. The 7th Grade students will help with the soup supper and 8th Grade students will help with the worship service. Please see your emails for more details.

Be sure to be meeting with your mentors.

Our Lock-in is scheduled for March 11th. Please let Tara know if you can make it.

6th Grade Confirmation Students—Thanks for a great year. Be sure to finish up your sermon notes and attend at least 2 Lenten services!

Senior High Youth Group



Our February meeting was on the 5th. We went skiing at Mt. Kato. It was a good time and no one was hurt (except maybe Pastor Jeremy was a bit sore!). Our March meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 12th. Not sure of plans yet.

Coltan Bryan

High School LYO Secretary

Junior High Youth Group

We have had a hard time making schedules work. We will see what March brings.



Youth & Education News Continued

First Communion Class has started!

We meet at 5pm on Wednesdays during Lent.

Here is the schedule:

March 1st @ Marshall

March 8th @ Little Cedar

March 15th @ Marshall

March 22nd @ Little Cedar

March 29th @ Marshall



We will make our banners and bread together on Saturday, April 1st at 10am at Little Cedar. A parent must join us too!

First Communion Sunday is April 2nd (Palm Sunday)

Minutes – Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Topics	
<p>Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President. Nominations for new officers were made. Kathy Voigt nominated Len Mensink for chair. Gary made a second to the motion. Kevin nominated Gary Kulow for vice chair. Darrell made a second to the motion. All officers were approved.</p>	
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ ● Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for the week of June 19th – 23rd . ☐ ● Pastor Jeremy may be out of town for the April 30 th service. ☐ ● St. John's is not in the rotation for Lenten services this year, so it will be back to normal schedules. ☐ ● Joint council meeting between Little Cedar and Marshall will be held next Wednesday, February 8 th at 7:30 p.m. at Little Cedar. Len will lead the meeting as the chair from Marshall. ☐ ● Hindu speaker met with the High School religious program. Next up will be a Muslim speaker for the group. 	
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ ● Total offering for January \$4015.00/\$313.25 for the Cause of the Month. ☐ ● February Cause of the Month offering will be for Ronald McDonald House. ☐ ● Next Month – March Cause of the Month will be Real Hope for the Hungry. ☐ ● April Cause of the Month is Vacation Bible School. <p>Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Darrell. Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ ● Thrivent meeting is Friday, February 3rd at 11:30 a.m. to discuss options for the fund. ☐ ● Dale and Tom Kiefer will be setting up a meeting to discuss the basement repairs. ☐ ● D and E Carpets will be here to install the new flooring sometime in March/April. ☐ ● There has been some interest in replacing Kathy's role as cleaner at Marshall. Len will be reaching out to the interested individual. 	
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ ● Salvation Army Meal will be on Tuesday, February 14 th . Gary will go to help serve, and we will be looking for more interested individuals to help with the meal. ☐ ● Installation of council members will be Sunday, February 5 th during worship at both churches. ☐ ● There is a need for anyone interested in being a piano player for both churches. If anyone knows of anyone, let Pastor Jeremy and Kathy know. ☐ ● Constitutional changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Council members will continue to ask for feedback from church members regarding term limits. o April 23rd will be the special congregational meeting to approve the constitutional changes. o At the March Council meeting, the council will need to approve a draft of the constitutional changes. Then copies will be provided to the congregation for review. Any changes that come from the congregation will be made at the special congregational meeting. 	
<p>Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Lonny. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.</p>	



Darrell Gordon (T)	X	Jan Johnson (D)	NA	Len Mensink (T)	X
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Gib Siemers (T)	NA
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Andrew Sprau (T)	X
Dale Himebaugh (financial secy)	X	Tricia Kulow (secy)	X	Kathy Voigt (D)	X

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Lyndsey Hall, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Tara Mandt, Bryce Nelson, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Absent: Holly Meyer, Connie Sathre, Spencer Medgaarden

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairperson Tracy. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Tara.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Bryce, seconded by Lynn to accept the January secretary's report as written, with the addition of the Youth and Education Report stating that VBS will be June 19th thru the 23rd with the theme: Food Truck Party Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lyndsey reviewed the printed report. Motion by Jan, second by Bryce to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Building: The committee gathered estimates for a new boiler system. Information will be discussed in new business.

-Daycare: The committee will meet on their regular date next week.

-Youth: The Youth are preparing for lent and confirmation lock-in.

-Education: Elementary Youth will gather after school to make pretzels and learn about Lent on March 7th .

Outstanding Business:

Offering Envelopes: The office has printed offering envelopes and they will be in the narthex for members to use. The office has not been able to reach the company from whom the envelopes were ordered. So the printed ones will be used this year. We will see how this system works and evaluate at a later time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that they were unable to find an intern for St. John's, Elkton, this year. St. John's sends their thanks for sharing together in ministry with intern Marcia. They will share a pastor with Evanger Lutheran and welcome pastor Jackie to the area. Marsha will be ordained soon.

-Pastor anticipates the strong possibility that he will be gone Sunday, April 30, if the robotics team moves on to higher competition in Texas.

New Business:

Memorial for Pastor Quibell: Motion by Jan, seconded by John to give \$100 for a memorial in memory of our former pastor Wayne Quibell. The money will come from the meatball missions fund. The memorial will go to Feed My Hungry Children. Carried.

Relief for Turkey: Motion by John, seconded by Tara to send \$500 to Lutheran World Relief from mission fund for relief for the earthquake in Turkey. Carried.

Real Hope for the Hungry: Motion by Tara, seconded by Lynn to donate \$250 from mission fund to Real Hope for the Hungry to cover costs of our food pack. Carried.

Lisa Wiste Benefit: Motion by Nancy, seconded by Tara to donate \$250 from the mission fund to the Lisa Wiste benefit. Carried.

New Boiler: Tracy explained the estimate for the new boiler system. The Building Committee gathered several estimates and recommended we accept L & M. Motion by Bryce, seconded by Nancy to have a congregational meeting on Sunday ~ March 5th, immediately after worship, to accept the recommendation from the council to accept the bid from L & M to install a new boiler system. Carried

Congregational meeting for new boiler system: Motion by Tara, seconded by John to ask the congregation to contribute at least \$30,000 toward the \$67,551, cost of the new boiler system with the balance to come from the Knutson Fund. Carried.

Office Rent from Marshall: Motion by Bryce, seconded by Nancy to ask for an increase for the office/building rent for Marshall from \$150 per month, to \$200.00 retroactive to January 1, 2023 which will be reviewed in one year. Carried.

The next council meeting is **Wednesday, March 15, at Marshall** immediately following Lenten Services. Jan will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Jan Weness, Secretary