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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



April 2022



Galatians 3:23-29 ~ Children of God

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

As I am writing this, I have also been working on plans to have a learning opportunity about the Anyuak Faith Communities in the area. By the time you read this article, the learning opportunity will have come and gone.

But for a quick rundown, the Anyuak tribe resides in the regions of Ethiopia and South Sudan. Many of them are Christians, and many of them have undergone persecution and conflict in their region. Because of this, some have come to the United States as refugees. In fact, you will find several Anyuak worshipping communities at Lutheran Churches in SE MN Synod of the ELCA.

As I have been preparing for the learning opportunity, I have been thinking about the beauty of the body of Christ, the whole Christian church, and community of saints. It is made up of all sorts of different people, from different places, cultures, and even spreads across all of time. I think we sometimes forget about the vastness and diversity of the community believers.

The Apostles' Creed states,

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the community of saints, the forgiveness of sins,"

Paul's letter to the Galatians says, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." In our great diversity, there is no distinction, but instead we are brought together as children of God through faith. As we head into Holy Week and Easter, let us remember together with all Christians across the world, and across all of time that every knee shall bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Blessings!

Pastor Jeremy



Important Dates

April 6th
Marshall Council

April 10th
Palm Sunday/First Communion

April 14th
Maundy Thursday

April 15th
Good Friday

April 17th
Easter Sunday

April 24th
LC Sunday School Sunday

April 27th
Little Cedar Council

Lenten Worship Service Schedule



April 6th @ Marshall
Soup Supper @ 6:00pm
Worship @ 7:00pm

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday April 14th -7pm @ Marshall

Good Friday April 15th -7pm @ Little Cedar



Easter Sunday April 17th

Sunrise Service @ Little Cedar @ 6:30am

Easter Worship @ Little Cedar @ 9am

Easter Worship @ Marshall @ 10:30am

NO Sunday School at Little Cedar or Marshall on Easter Sunday



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

Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klaudt ~ Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier



Deaths:

LC: Robert D. Hanson

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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DAY CARE
NEWS

In March, we talked about the many benefits of making healthy food choices. Fueling our bodies with good choices stabilize our energy, improve our minds, even out our moods, maintain healthy weight and help prevent mental health conditions. We tried

new vegetables that I was shocked to see a few actually liked! They liked cucumbers, red, orange and yellow peppers and raw broccoli. We read a story about Devin the Diamond. Our color of the month was green since we celebrated St. Patrick's Day in March. For the holiday party, we made and decorated sugar cookies, made necklaces with beads and had a green lunch. Since it is now SPRING, we planted grass seeds in little containers and seeing if we can get them to grow in the back of the church. Hopefully, we remember to keep watering them! The kids made rainbows for the letter R. Starfish for the letter S. Turtle puppet for the letter T. We practiced writing the numbers 15 and 16. We concentrated on how to be good listeners and what makes a good listener. We hatched a chick, with paper, of course! We also had fun learning opposites, full and empty with objects and bins. Freeze Dance songs are our favorites and you can hear them blaring if you are at the church during daycare hours! Hopefully, April will bring nicer weather as we are totally ready for it! We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. We made Cat in the Hat headbands and masks, fruit kabobs with Strawberries and bananas and mashed potatoes that looked like Truffula trees. We made red and blue fish from the book title and read a bunch of Dr. Seuss books!

Kate Wiste ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director



Pancake Breakfast



Men's Lenten Pancake Breakfast

Please join us Weds, April 6th @

9am at Marshall Church for

pancakes and fellowship!

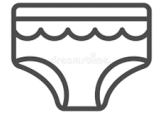


Cause of the Month for April

Marshall

Teen Homeless Ministry

Undie Sunday is April 3rd!



During the season of lent we will be collecting new underwear and socks for the homeless ministry of Central Lutheran in Minneapolis. They are in need of all sizes, ages, and genders. Just needs to be brand new. Between now and April 3rd, you can bring in underwear and socks to Little Cedar, Marshall, or St. John's. We will also take cash donations and our youth will do the shopping for you! Any questions, let us know! Bring on the undies!

Daycare job opening:

We are still looking for an assistant!! Would like someone to fill 15 hours at a minimum or a maximum of 30. Please pass along to EVERYONE you know! And pray on it .

Contact Kate
1434

@ 507-582-



April Pop Can Wagon @ Little Cedar

**Get those pop cans collected
and bring to Little Cedar**



**The wagon will be in Little Cedar
Parking Lot on Sat. April 9th thru
Sun., April 10th**

Money raised will go to Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.

Worship Assistants & Service

Little Cedar Service Group #5

Chair: 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 we all get!

- Mary Schmitz
- Jim & Joni Osmundson
- Chris & Cathy Roser
- Brian & Lani Wolff
- Steve & Audrey Schroeder
- Mark & Lilly Sorenson
- Debbie Retterath
- Patti Hamilton
- Geneva Hamilton
- Jeremy & Sandy Johnson
- Kerry Webber
- Kody & Brooke Retterath
- Megan Emanuel
- Lahoma Retterath
- Larry & Tammy Wilson
- Julie Schmitz
- June Nelson
- Jeremy & Bonny Bryan

Communion Clean-Up
April 3, 10 and *17th (both services)

Deliver Meals on Wheels
April 11 through 22

Coffee Hour
April 10, 17 & 24
*10th is First Communion and
17th is Easter

And any functions that are requested

Little Cedar Readers

April 3
Joni Osmundson

April 10
YOUTH—See Below

April 17
Jim Osmundson

April 24
Tara Mandt

**Little Cedar High School
Communion Helpers**

April 3—Kendra
April 10—Olivia

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *April 3—Taya
- *April 10—Addison
- *April 17—Audrey
- *April 24—Lauren

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is April 10th
Ushers: Adelyn & Brad and Readers: Alizha & Coltan

**Little Cedar Senior High
Coffee Hour**

April 3—Hill/Krull Family
Helper: Riley Walerak family

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *April 3—Usher: Wyatt, Greeter: Mya, Communion: Easton
- *April 10—Usher: Juliette, Greeter: JJ
- *April 17 Sunrise—Usher: Mya, Greeter: Liliana, Communion: Elliot
- *April 17 9am—Usher: Justin, Greeter: Nolan, Communion: Beau
- *April 24—Usher: Easton, Greeter: Cameron

Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

- *April 3—Usher: Amy, Communion: Shannon
- *April 10—Usher: Alex
- *April 17—Usher: Amy, Communion: Sara
- *April 24—Usher: Shannon



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

Senior High LYO NEWS

Our March meeting was held on 13th. We watched a documentary, 7 Yards. We talked about the importance of faith, persistence, friends and family! Our April meeting will be on the 10th when we shop for Undies and Socks for Central Lutheran. Stay tuned for more information. Respectfully submitted, Kiyanna Meyer, Treasurer

Confirmation Schedule & News:

Our Lock-In is April 2nd as well as our Mentor/Mentee Service Project. Check email for details.

Our Holy Week plans will be out soon. Class resumes on April 20th.

Be sure to meet with your mentors on a Sunday and one Wednesday.

Supper on April 20th is the McKay Family and April 27th is the Medgaarden Family.

Little Cedar Sunday School News

We will have regular class on April 3.

On April 10th we will sing and participate in the Palm Processional.

We do not have Sunday School class on April 10th or 17th.

Our last class will be on April 24th.

**Marshall Sunday School News**

On April 10th we will have Sunday School and also sing and wave palms for Palm Sunday.

We do not have Sunday School class on April 17th.

Our last class will be on May 15th.

**Summer Youth Trip**

We are excited to take a group of students to St. Louis in July. This trip is to replace the Youth Gathering that was cancelled in Minneapolis.

Congratulations to our 4th Grade Students who will receive their First Communion this year on Palm Sunday, April 10th.



At Little Cedar

Sadie Webber—Parents Kerry & Matt Webber

At Marshall

Adam Heimer—Parents Matt & Lesley Heimer

Aria Kellogg—Parents Amanda & Ed Kellogg

The final class will be April 6th. We will have our bread and banner making on Saturday, April 9th at Little Cedar. Time is tentatively set for 10am.

Mark Your Calendars—Confirmation Sunday is May 1st



At Little Cedar

Cameron Bryan, Wyatt Krull, Juliette Matheis, Elliot Medgaarden,
Easton Meyer, JJ Smith, Avery Stroup

At Marshall

Sara Canterbury, Shannon Kiefer, Amy Smith

Mark Your Calendars—Senior Sunday is May 22nd

At Little Cedar

Chase Johnson, Alizha Kappers, Oliva Matheis, Kiyanna Meyer, Eli Wolff

Baccalaureate is at Little Cedar this year at 4pm.





Lenten Journey of Prayer, Fasting, and Giving

Traditionally there are 3 practices that are lifted up during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the past, I have frequently given you a challenge to read scripture during Lent. This year, instead I am going to give you a challenge to put these Lenten practices into use. For each week, there will be some suggested practices for you to complete for each practice. Perhaps some sort of prayer, almsgiving, give something up for a day, or add something to your day. This is your Lenten Journey, so make it yours. Don't like the practice, don't do it. Want to do something slightly different instead, great! I just ask that during Lent to focus yourself on love of God and love of neighbor.

Week 5: March 30-April 5

Prayer/Scripture: We began this Lenten Journey contemplating our own mortality and sinfulness. Read Psalm 139. You are wonderfully made by God. Name at least five things that you are good at, that you like about yourself, or that you are proud of.

Fasting/Something New: Cut 1 unnecessary spending for the week. Just one will do the trick. Maybe an unnecessary night out to eat. Maybe cut out something from shopping or your morning coffee. Doesn't need to be much. It serves as a reminder of our dependence on God and that all that we have is from God.

Almsgiving/Generosity: Think about an injustice that is occurring in the world. Violence that is occurring. Or maybe a group of people that have traditionally been marginalized in society. If appropriate, spend some time learning more about the injustices happening. Read Psalm 10:12-15. Say a prayer for those who are victims of violence and/or marginalized.

Week 6: April 6-12

Prayer/Scripture: Memorize the Jesus Prayer - "*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*" and pray it throughout the day. Consider switching the word "sinner" for "your beloved child" and see how that changes the meaning for you. This could be particularly meaningful to repeat this prayer to yourself during Holy Week.

Fasting/Something New: No snacking for at least a day. At least stick to only healthy snacks for a day. Instead, I encourage you to exercise at least once this week. Whatever kind of exercise that works for you. Go for walk, run, bike ride, yoga, weight training, cardio... Exercise is not only good for the body, but also the mind.

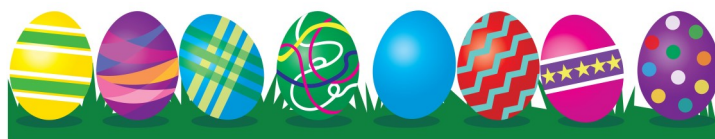
Almsgiving/Generosity: Pick up an item for the food shelf, or a whole bag while you

Minutes— respectfully submitted, Tricia Kulow, Marshall Secretary

Topics
<p>Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President. Our meeting was held in the Little Cedar Library following the Ash Wednesday Service at Little Church.</p>
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Jeremy's sabbatical will begin in June. • Pastor Jeremy and Tara are planning an LYPO trip to St. Louis, MO beginning on July 24th, 2022. The trip will include service work, a church service and sightseeing. • Marcia, St. John's intern, has agreed to stay on a month to month basis as a bridge pastor until a new intern comes to the congregation this summer.
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total offering for February \$2,075.00/\$244.00 for Ronald McDonald House. • March Cause of the Month offering will be for Central Lutheran for the LYO underwear and sock drive. <p>Motion to accept reports from Kathy with a second from Darrell. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review/update to COVID action plan. After the church service on Feb. 27th a meeting of the church council was held to discuss the COVID mask requirement. A majority of the church council members were in attendance. After discussion and a vote by show of hands was held and it was approved to remove the required mask mandate for now. We do ask that if you are not feeling well or have been exposed to COVID that you will wear a mask to services. • Len and Andrew will continue to gather information about using a TV or screen and projector for church services.
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a Little Cedar and Marshall joint council meeting on Sunday, March 13th, at 6:00pm at Little Cedar Church • Committees for 2022 are : Personnel-Darrel Gordon and Gary Kulow, Finance- Carie Hanson and Dale Himebaugh Shared Ministry—Len Mensink and Gary Kulow and Constitution—Kathy Voigt, Jan Johnson and Tricia Kulow.
<p>Motion to adjourn from Kevin with second from Gib Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.</p>

Members:

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



Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022**, following the Lenten service. The meeting was called to order by Tracy. The Mission Statement was read in unison.

Present: John Jax, Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Chris Roser, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness.

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

Treasurer's Report: Millie reviewed the treasurer's report, going over the profit and loss statement comparing last year to this year. (Statement included in minutes.) Motion by Jan, seconded by Spencer to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Cemetery- The committee hired Lucas Mandt to mow and do some maintenance this summer.

They are looking at moving some of the stones close to the road to make for safer snow plowing.

-Daycare- Kate is still looking for a couple employees.

-Finance- Millie shared that our Bishop encourages all congregations to donate \$1 per member as a Lent offering. This offering to the Synod is shared with our Companion Synods in Tanzania, Colombia, South Sudan and local food grants. Motion by Jan, seconded by John to donate \$400 to the Synod for Lent offering and \$1000 to Lutheran Disaster Relief, specified for Ukraine relief. The money to come from the lutefisk fund. Carried.

-Youth and Education- Tara is looking at having Vacation Bible School in small groups in the evenings this summer. This decision is being made because of planning for LYO trip to St Louis, lack of local daytime staff help, and that Good Earth Village will not be offering on site VBS this summer because of a lack of staff.

-Nine students from Little Cedar and Marshall will be making a mission-touring trip to St. Louis the end of July. This trip is to replace the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. that was cancelled because of COVID.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dwight Dobell will be here during Pastor Jeremy's sabbatical this summer.

April 24th Worship: Pastor will be chaperoning Southland students attending the New York trip the end of April. They will not have returned by the April 24th service. We will have a service of hymns and lessons that Sunday.

Outstanding Business:

-The food shelf paid for the new refrigerator.

-The collection of socks and underwear continues through Lent.

New Business:

-Internet and Phone: Pastor presented three options for internet and phone as we are trying to cut costs and improve service. Motion by Jan, seconded by Carol, to switch to Option A, a three-year contract, with Metro-net as soon as our current contract ends the end of May. Carried.

The next meeting is a week later than usual, on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. because Pastor is gone the week before. Millie will give devotions. Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

