

# MAY 2017

## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### Mark 12:28-34

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup> The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup> and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

### GREETINGS LITTLE CEDAR AND MARSHALL LUTHERAN CHURCHES!

Easter was only a few weeks ago. It was out of love that God sent his one and only Son into the world. Who was then betrayed, crucified, and buried. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. That is love. Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. And we do so through living in community with each other, showing support, kindness, and compassion to all who we encounter.

Last week I attended some continuing education in the Twin Cities called the Vibrant Faith Summit. One of our days, we spent time learning about the importance of life-giving relationships in the church. From the moment we are born, we are built for relationships. We seek out relationships that build us up. Building relationships in the church is what grows our faith and what grows the church to be what it is meant to be.

The Bible is a book of relationships. It shows us what our relationship with God is supposed to look like, and it shows us what our relationships with each other are supposed to look like. Jesus probably says it best himself, we are made to love God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind, and to love our neighbor as yourself.

Lastly, as we head into summer, blessings for a safe and joyous time as we enjoy the fellowship and the outdoors!

Peace,  
*Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**May 3rd**  
Marshall Council

**May 14th**  
Mothers Day

**May 17th**  
Little Cedar Council

**May 21st**  
Senior Recognition Day



**Senior Sunday at Little Cedar and Marshall**

May 21st at 9:00am and 10:30am respectively

**Little Cedar**  
Breana Anderson  
Jacob David Anderson  
Ramsey Marie Gilson  
Colton Michael Mandt  
Gabrielle Kristine Smith  
Christopher Lynn Webber

**Marshall**  
Tyler Scott Hanson



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

Jerry Matheis ~ Marcelle Voigt ~ Geneva Hamilton  
Bill Klingerman ~ Bob Weness ~ Mary Ann Munson  
Ramona Hanson ~ Norma Larson ~ Katey Robertson  
Dan Morgan ~ Lillian Sprau ~ Steve Vangsness  
Karen Kane & Raeann Kane (granddaughters of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)

**Baptisms :**

Elliott Scott Retterath: Parents Kody & Brooke Retterath (Little Cedar)  
Maria LouAnn Ydstie: Parents Isaac & Susan Ydstie (Little Cedar)  
Ethan Dean Canterbury: Parents Jeremy & Kristin Canterbury (Marshall)



**Funerals:**

Lloyd Hardecopf (Marshall)  
Darlene Knutson (Little Cedar)

**New Members @ Little Cedar**

Alec & Lydia Frank children Adelaide and Arya & ???

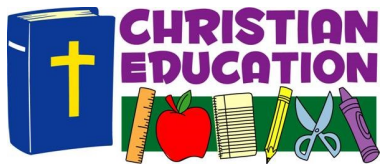
**If you have a prayer request, please let the church office know.**

**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

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This year would be the 100th Anniversary of the Religious Release program! Plans are in the works for a recognition and celebration later in May. In the meantime, we would

like to hear from you the memories that you have from Religious Release. Perhaps your favorite part, something you learned, a teacher you remember, something about the classroom that you met in, or maybe something about how meaningful the program was to you. You can send them our way via email or slip of paper dropped by in the office. Then when we celebrate later in May, we will compile and share these memories with all of you.

### Little Cedar Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$ -2054.51
Income	\$67,052.33
Expenses	\$70,182.07
<b>Balance 4/30/2017</b>	<b>\$-5,184.25</b>



An Open Bridal Shower honoring Brandi Schammel will be held on **Saturday, May 13th at 1pm at Little Cedar in the Fellowship Hall.** Everyone is welcome. Brandi will marry Joe Borman of Kimbal MN on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**The couple is currently registered at:  
Bed, Bath and Beyond**



### CARE MEALS

As a church we gather around in care and support for one another. One way that we can do that is by giving a meal to someone in a time of need; those in a health crisis, families with a newborn, and those in bereavement. So here is how it will work. Grab a foil pan from the narthex, fill it with something yummy that can be frozen and reheated in the oven, include baking instructions, and then bring it into the church office. The meals will then go into the freezer and when the time comes, we have volunteers who will deliver those meals to a family in need.

### Upcoming WELCA Events

**July 11-13, 2017** — Tenth Triennial Convention  
Minneapolis, MN  
**July 13-16, 2017** — Tenth Annual Triennial Gathering  
Minneapolis, MN



### Cause of the Month

**Marshall**

“Vacation Bible School”



Bridal Shower

An Open Bridal Shower will be held for Kelsey Dion Bride to Be of Nick Poshusta on **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at St. Peters Church in Rose Creek.** The couple is registered at Target.



### Fund Raiser Coming

Little Cedar will sponsor a collection of pop cans and pop tabs to be collected in the parking lot in **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. All money collected for the cans and tabs will go to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Rochester. Please watch for more publicity on the project, but start saving cans and tabs now.....

**Service Group #4**

Chans & Holly Meyers (438-1376) Co-Chairperson

Lyn Meany Family (438-2029) Co-Chairperson

Curt & Kay Lewison (582-3208)

Kristina & Joe Matheis (208-390-5074)

Gladys & Don Morgan (437-3968)

June Wolf (582-3200)

Bev Vangsness (582-3194)

Maynard Lewison (582-3324)

John & Tammy Loecher (582-3272)

Tara Mandt (438-2996)

Gerald & Carol Matheis (582-3469)

Patricia & Ron Milks (582-3037)

Larry Nerison (582-3397)

Dave & Millie Weness (582-3500)

Nancy & Scott Decker (582-3602)

David & Charlotte Anderson (582-3650)

Kent & Linda Anderson Family (582-3100)

Heather Felten (438-9357)

Mary Luke (437-6329)

Scott & Tammy McMasters (438-2903)

Marcia Mullenbach (582-7758)

Laura Retterath (438-3394)

Bryan & Terri Klaehn (582-3170)

Rod Nordeng (437-4778)

Lori Krull (507) 438-1423



**May**  
**Communion Clean-up**  
May 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Coffee Hours**  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Senior Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
may need extra cookies.  
**Deliver Meals on Wheels**  
May 15<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>  
Serve any functions requested

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

**Head Usher for May**  
**John Jax**  
**582-7797**

**May Readers**  
May 7th Bev Bowers  
May 14th Malina Luke & Noah Milks  
May 21st Jim Osmundson  
May 28th Jan Weness



Quilters meet at Little Cedar  
Monday, May 1st  
@ 1:00pm



# Youth & Education News



## Senior LYO

(9th through 12th Grade)

Thank you all for a great April meeting. You accomplished great things! I hope you have a great summer.

Thanks for all who helped at the services during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It was greatly appreciated.

## Junior High Youth Group

(6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade )

Thanks for a great year! Hopefully we are not so busy next year! Have a great summer!

### Mark your calendars Seniors!

Senior Sunday is May 21st at both Little Cedar and Marshall.

**Mark your Calendars—Hero Central Vacation Bible School** will be July 10th through the 14th.

Registration and volunteer sign up is coming soon!

### Marshall Church Assistants

- \*May 7—Kelsey Mensink
- \*May 14—Tyler Hanson
- \*May 21— Nick Mensink



### Little Cedar Church Assistants

- \*May 7—U: Olivia Matheis G: Alizha Kappers
- \*May 14—U: Lydia Wik G: Olivia Matheis
- \*Communion Family—Chase Johnson
- \*May 21—U: Kiyanna Meyer G: Eli Wolff
- \*Communion Family—Alizha Kappers

### Confirmation Mentor, Student & Family Potluck

Wednesday, May 3rd—6pm.

### May Coffee Hour

Education Committee

### Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*May 7—Gavin Mergen
- \*May 14—Cody Krull
- \*May 21—Hope Stephens

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

### Little Cedar Communion Helpers

- May 14—Cole Medgaarden
- May 21—Ashlynn Mandt

### Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is May 14th

Ushers: Carter Johnson and Malina Luke  
Readers: Malina Luke and Noah Milks

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





# Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2017

## Little Cedar

### **Breana Anderson**

Grandma: Valeta Anderson

Dad: Larry Anderson



## Marshall

### **Tyler Scott Hanson**

Parents: Kevin and Carie



### **Jacob David Anderson**

Parents: Kent and Linda

### **Ramsey Marie Gilson**

Parents: Jill & Sean and Penny

### **Colton Michael Mandt**

Parents: Tara and Jim

### **Gabrielle Kristine Smith**

Parents: Tracy and Angie

### **Christopher Lynn Webber**

Parents: Kerry and Matt

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**BACCALAUREATE**  
S E R V I C E

Baccalaureate will be at St. John's of Elkton on Sunday, May 21st at 4pm.

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2017**  
**These students Affirmed their Baptism on April 30th.**



## Marshall

**Kelsey Ann Mensink** *Parents Len & Karina ~ Mentor Thelma Himebaugh*

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on with wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

## Little Cedar

**Avery Gena Medgaarden** *Parents Spencer & Nicole ~ Mentor Tara Mandt*

Two are better than one, for if they fall down, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

**Lydia Lynn Wik** *Parents Christine & John ~ Mentor Linda Logsdon*

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Ephesians 5:11

Marshall Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

Meeting post Wednesday Lenten Service with Pastor Jeremy. Note items:

Pastor Jeremy may participate in three day conference, in the cities, for needed Continuing Ed at the end of April. TBD

The last couple of months have been very busy with parishioner visits.

### Old Business:

Gary discussed, with contractor, possible warranty of paint job on the steeple. Contractor has offered to touch-up paint when he is in the area this summer.

Forrest received quote from Leif of \$2000.00, for labor, to replace steeple siding. Another \$4K would be needed for delivery and use of a lift for a week.

Either option, for steeple work, incurs \$500 expense to lower wiring allowing for work to be done.

Confirmed that Maundy Thursday service will begin downstairs with 'last supper' communion.

Julie will further investigate options for offering envelopes. Council will revisit next month.

April Cause of the Month – "Neighbor in Need"

### New Business:

Council acknowledges families that are very grateful for use of Little Cedar space for funerals, etc. and wonders if compensation should be provided? Pastor advises that thank-you (rather than compensation) would be appropriate. Card to be crafted and delivered, from the congregation, for this purpose.

Noted that there is likely a need for caulking of windows when weather improves.

Meeting was adjourned by Jerry with second from Larry, closing with The Lord's Prayer.

### Members

Craig Hanson	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Sarah McKay	X
Julie Hanson	X	Dawn Kiefer	X	Andrew Sprau	X
Forrest Himebaugh	X	Gary Kulow	X	Jerry Sprau	X
Gus Johnson	X	Tricia Kulow	O	Larry Underdahl	X

X = Present O = Absent

**Minutes** – respectfully submitted,  
*Dawn Kiefer*  
Marshall Council Secretary.



Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Bryce Nelson called the meeting to order. The mission statement was read in unison. Prayer was led by Bryce Nelson. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Mike Lamp, Linda Logsdon, Joe Matheis, Sarah Mergen, Bryce Nelson, Lahoma Retterath, Dixie Rose, Steve Schroeder, Janet Stephenson, Shari Wagner, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Sherry Schotanus, Susan Ydstie, Nancy Thalberg.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Linda Logsdon, seconded by Steve Schroeder that the secretary's report be approved as printed. Carried.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note was read from Marshall Church in appreciation for the generosity of Little Cedar in the use of Little Cedar facilities for funerals and family functions.

-There will be breakfast with the Bishop on Saturday, April 22. Information is available from Pastor Jeremy.

**Treasurer:** Millie Weness noted on the report that there is now a \$12,000 deficit in the general fund. A letter will be sent to all members to help support the budget with contributions to the general fund. Motion by Janet Stephenson, seconded by Linda Logsdon that the treasurer's report be approved as printed. Carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building:** Joe reported that the new entry floor mats have arrived and are laid. Gabrielle Smith has completed her senior project by painting the ceiling in the Fellowship Hall. Joe Matheis has one quote for sealing the parking lot. He will get another before a decision is made for completion of the sealing.

**Cemetery Report:** The committee will meet soon. Steve Schroeder repaired damage done by snow plowing over the winter months.

**Day Care:** Cecylia Bauer is the new daycare assistant.

**Finance:** The committee met to determine what to do about the \$12,000 deficit in the general fund. A letter will be sent to all members informing them of the deficit and asking support of the budget passed at the annual meeting in January.

-Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Linda Logsdon to cash one of the parsonage \$14,000 CD's and put the money in the general fund. Carried.

-The Finance Committee recommends taking \$2000 from the endowment fund, which would be matched in equal amount by an anonymous donor and by the Hormel Foundation. This money would be invested in the Austin Area Foundation. The foundation will pay a competitive rate of interest on the total investment of \$6,000. Motion by Steve Schroeder, seconded by Shari Wagner that the council accept the proposal of the finance committee. Carried.

**Life and Missions:** Little Cedar will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Week Day School on Sunday, May 21 during the worship service. The celebration will continue after worship with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**Youth and Education:** Sunday School appreciation will be held Sunday, May 7

-VBS theme is "Hero Central and VBS" and will be held July 10-14<sup>th</sup>.

-Senior recognition will be on Sunday, May 21

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported 36 visits and phone calls to families last month plus several funeral visits. He reported 2-3 services per month at the Adams Health Care Center and reading a Bible story and playing with the children in the daycare once per week. He will be attending a two day continuing education event in the Twin Cities next week.

**Outstanding Business:** Motion by Linda Logsdon, seconded by Sarah Mergen to pay the bill for installation of the eternal flame from the memorial fund. Carried.

**New Business:** Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Linda Logsdon that we purchase a new vacuum cleaner with the money coming from the capital improvement fund. Carried.

Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Sarah Mergen that we purchase a changing table to be installed in the men's restroom and two wood high chairs, one for the narthex and another for the Fellowship Hall, with the money to come from the memorial fund. Carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. Dixie Rose will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness, Secretary*





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