

# JULY 2017

## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### Genesis 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



### Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches!!

They say that we are connected to all people in the world by only 6 degrees of separation. In other words, the idea is that anyone in the planet can be connected to anyone else in the planet through just 5 other people. I'm not sure if this is true or not, but it seems plausible, especially with the how much modern technology has connected us. At the very least, I think we can admit that the world is a lot smaller than what it seems.

I find that our vast connectedness brings great emphasis to our common humanity. We are bound to each other in such a way that we can't comprehend. Think about that for a moment. Each person is made unique, yet each person across the world is created in the image of God.

As the creation story says, "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." It doesn't say that only some of humankind were made in God's image. It doesn't say that some were made with a greater image of God than others. Instead, each and every person is made in the full-fledged image of God.

I think it can be easy for us to forget that we are in this together. In a dog-eat-dog world it can be easy to feel that we are alone. It can be easy to worry only about ourselves. It can be easy to tear down others, in order to build up ourselves. May we instead remember our shared humanity, made in the image of God; worthy of love. And then heed the advice of 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

Peace,

*Pr. Jeremy*

**Important Dates**

**July 10th to 14th**  
Vacation Bible School

**July 12th**  
Marshall Council

**July 19th**  
Little Cedar Council



**Campfire Worship**



Join us on Sunday, July 23rd at 6:30pm for a campfire worship at Little Cedar by the peace garden! It will be a laid back service of campfire songs, fellowship, prayer, and fun for all ages. Please join us! Don't forget to bring your Lawn Chair!!



**"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance."**

**Psalm 33:12**

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

Al Sorenson ~ Jerry Matheis ~ Beverly Nordeng  
Ramona Hanson ~ Norma Larson ~ Mary Ann Munson  
Dan Morgan ~ Lillian Sprau ~ Steve Vangsness ~ Geneva Hamilton  
Karen Kane & Raeann Kane (granddaughters of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)



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



**\*\*NEW CHRIST IN OUR HOME\*\***

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE**

**HURRY AND PICK UP YOUR COPY SOON BEFORE THEY ARE ALL GONE.**

**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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**Youth Cookbook** – Our youth are putting together a cookbook to raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. Please help us out by submitting your favorite recipes by July 14th . You can send them to [churchrecipes@hotmail.com](mailto:churchrecipes@hotmail.com) or drop them off at Little Cedar. Any questions call Sandy at 481-4393.



**Pop Cans Fundraiser Update:**


The money brought in from the can collection on June 25th totaled \$103 for the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald house, so more money will be raised through them. Thank you to all who brought in cans and tabs. Save your cans and tabs through the summer. Another collection will be 8-20-17 and 10-1-17.



Another fundraiser for Houston 2018! Schwan's Cares. Whether you are a current Schwan's customer or want to place one order, use this link:

<https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaigns/32922-little-cedar-and-marshall-youth>

You can go to Shop Now and will be directed to pick a youth member to sponsor. We receive 20% until July 3rd and then 5% until October 1st.



**Cause of the Month**

**Marshall**

“Lutheran Social Services, Financial Planning”



We put the crazy, hot weather to good use at the beginning of the month by having a water day! We filled up a pool, had squirters, a sprinkler and water balloons. The kids had a blast! Now, it's ending with rain so we are doing Fourth of July arts and crafts. We have gone on walks every day, weather permitting and looking for different kinds of animals or different items in nature. We hope everybody has a safe and happy 4th of July.

**Open Bridal Shower**



Bridal Shower for  
Melissa McCarthy  
Bride-to-Be of  
Andrew Sprau  
will be held on Saturday, July 8th @ 9AM  
at Marshall all are welcome.

**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.

<b>\$\$\$Little Cedar Financial Report\$\$\$</b>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$ -2054.51
Income	\$99,127.58
Expenses	-\$85,742.79
<b>Balance 5/31/2017</b>	<b>\$11,420.28</b>

**Service Group #2**

Sarah & Kyle Mergen (421-2184) Co-Chairperson

Jaymie Poshusta Family (582-1015) Co-Chairperson

Linda & Jon Gilles (582-7734)

Gloria Hill (582-3455)

Mavis Wermager (584-6628)

LaMonte & Julie Gray Family (582-7871)

Arvis Gunderson (582-7785)

Curt & Geneva Hamilton (582-3149)

Kevin Hanson (325-4597)

June Hanson (433-5886)

Ken & Becky Hartwig (433-4902)

Richard & Pat Hinz (582-3466)

Norm & Joan Hoeft (582-3564)

Bryant & Ann Hokeness (584-6812)

Duane & Meridee Wigham (582-3125)

Joyce Halver – (582-3313)

Alice Wiste (582-7752)

Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden (438-7398) – (438-3820)

Penny Gilson (438-8884)

Bill & Linda Jahn (507) 202-3295



**July**

**Communion clean up**

July 2nd & 16th

**Coffee Hours**

NONE

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**

10<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</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 July**

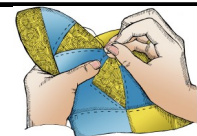
**Bob Hanson (E)**

507-251-6316

**July Readers**

July 2nd  
July 9th  
July 16th  
July 23rd  
July 30th

Nancy Thalberg  
Joni Osmundson  
Lyn Meany  
June Wolf  
Millie Weness

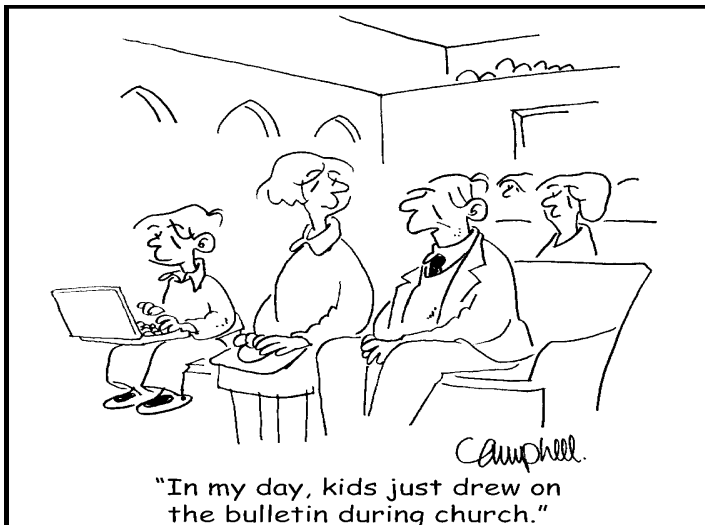


QUILTING GROUP

Quilters meet at Little Cedar

Monday, July 2nd

@ 1:00pm



"In my day, kids just drew on the bulletin during church."



**Little Cedar Council Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2017**

Little Cedar Church council met at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Bryce Nelson called the meeting to order. The mission statement was read in unison. Sarah Mergen gave devotions. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Mike Lamp, Joe Matheis, Sarah Mergen, Bryce Nelson, Lahoma Retterath, Dixie Rose, Janet Stephenson, Nancy Thalberg, Shari Wagner, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Linda Logsdon, Steve Schroeder, Sherry Schotanus, Susan Ydstie.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Millie Weness that the secretary's report from the April meeting be approved as printed. Carried. There was no meeting in May because of bad weather.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note from Lydia Wik was read thanking LC for the Bible.

A request for donations to Good Earth Village was read. Motion by Nancy Thalberg, seconded by Shari Wagner that Little Cedar donate \$1000 to GEV, with payment from lutefisk funds. Carried.

Tara Mandt, youth and education director, gave a report to the council. She described some of the changes she is hoping to make in the Sunday school program and 6<sup>th</sup> grade religious education. She requested that she be able to set up specific Sunday school rooms for our growing number of preschoolers and be allowed to buy a small round table for the room. Motion by Sarah Mergen, seconded by Lahoma Retterath that Tara purchase the items needed for the room with money from the Dean Julifs account. Carried.

=Tara shared that Confirmation will now begin in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They will probably meet only part of the school year, with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades meeting all the school year. Final planning still to be done.

=Tara has had two meetings with the youth and their parents who will be attending the LYO convention next summer in Houston. Twenty two students are planning to attending.

=There are 85 students registered for Vacation Bible School.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie Weness reviewed the printed report. Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Joe Matheis that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jeremy reported on some of the highlights from the Synod Assembly. He reported a pastor shortage. The synod is asking congregations to target potential candidates and has set a goal of 35 seminarians from our synod. He reported that there were several learning events at assembly and that four resolutions were passed.

=Pastor reported that there is a request for choir and hand bell start-ups. Anyone interested in directing please talk to Pastor Jeremy.

=There will be Campfire Worship once a month on Sunday evenings during the summer.

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# Youth & Education News



Mark Your Calendars!! The 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering will be here before you know it! The convention is from June 27th to July 1st. Keep your eyes open for more information coming out all the time. This is for students who will be in 8th grade through 12th grade this fall. We have the Cookbook fundraiser and the Schwan's fundraiser going on now! Remember that the first payment and permission form are due July 5th! Feel free to contact Tara at any time in regards to anything you have questions or concerns about.

**Hero Central Vacation Bible School** will be July 10th through the 14th. We will have a great week discovering our strength in God! We have 83 students registered and 30 leaders and helpers! It will be a great week!

Please keep Tara and all the students, leaders and helpers in your prayers!

## Little Cedar Council Minutes cont'd

### Committee Reports:

Building: Joe Matheis reported that a donation of cement will be made for the floor of the older storage building. He also had two bids for seal coating the parking lot. Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Lahoma Retterath that we accept the bid from Christian Brothers for the amount of \$6987.20. Carried.

Cemetery: Janet Stephenson reported that the committee met and will propose by-law changes for the cemetery at the annual meeting in January. Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Shari Wagner to give the cemetery committee permission to purchase 5 new heavier flagpoles to replace the wind damaged ones with funds to come from the cemetery fund. Carried.

Daycare: Nancy Thalberg reported that the committee met and Kari Wiste has her substitute staff set up for when she takes maternity leave. Daycare funds will be used to upgrade the play area outside and to purchase two storage units- one for indoor food and other storage and one for toys outdoors.

Outstanding Business: None

New Business: None

Pastor Jeremy will give July devotions.

Cause of the Month for July will be the Jerry Matheis family

The next council meeting is Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Bryce Nelson adjourned the meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness*, Council Secretary





Marshall Lutheran Church  
 June 7, 2017  
 Council meeting



**John 20:19-23** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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

**Topics**

Meeting was called to order by Larry Underdahl.

Pastor Jeremy - Note items:

- Tentatively one Sunday each month (June/July/August) a 'campfire' worship will be planned. This will take place on the side-lawn at Little Cedar.
- Synod office in Rochester will provide financial planning services in the future. Start-up costs, for operational infrastructure, will need to be completed first. Fund raising activities will be held for this purpose.

April secretary's report was read, financial and treasurer's reports were given.

- Total offering for May \$4401.00
- Cause of the Month offering, for Vacation Bible School - \$276.75
- Llyod Hardecopf cemetery memorial noted.



Jerry moved to accept the reports; Craig offered a second.

**Old Business:**

- Gary will send a letter to Paul Brandt, regarding painting of the steeple, in the near future. *deferred*
- June Cause of the Month – Southland Food Shelf
- Propose scheduling of a 'work day' in **September** for cleanup of grounds and necessary maintenance.
  - Julie will craft a listing of items needing to be done.

**New Business:**

- Tara has participated in 1<sup>st</sup> Houston planning meeting in Austin. She's also met with the Youth Committee for planning activities. Likely that 20-25 kids from Little Cedar/Marshall will attend. **Note** – need for fewer chaperones, 1 for every 4-5 kids.
- Houston fund raising cookbook is in need of recipes; they can be sent to [churchrecipes@hotmail.com](mailto:churchrecipes@hotmail.com)
- July Cause of the Month – Lutheran Social Services, Financial Planning start-up cost.
- Float in the Adams Dairy Days parade. For future, anyone wanting to pull the float please contact LaVerne or Craig Hanson.

Move to adjourn from Jerry with second from Larry, closing with The Lord's Prayer.

**Members**

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

X = Present O = Absent

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