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Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

Below, I have a story for you this week. All I want to leave you with is don't forget to keep your fork, the best is yet to come! "God will wipe away every tear, mourning and crying will be no more!"

There was a young man who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as he was getting his things in order, he contacted his pastor and had him come to his house to discuss certain aspects of his final wishes. He told him which songs he wanted sung at the service, what scriptures he would like to read, and what outfit he wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the young man suddenly remembered something very important to him.

"There's one more thing," he said excitedly.

"What's that?" came the pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young man continued.

"I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."



The pastor stood looking at the young man, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young man asked.

"Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor.

The young man explained, "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' "It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming - like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come.'"

The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young man goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see him before his death. But he also knew that the young man had a better grasp of heaven than he did. He had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice his age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. He KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral, people were walking by the young man's casket and they saw the suit he was wearing and the fork placed in his right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young man shortly before he died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to him. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Blessings! *Pastor Jeremy*



Important Dates

August
Marshall Council

August
Little Cedar Council



Mark Your Calendars

We will be having Knights of the North Castle Vacation Bible School for 3-and 4-years old on August 25th & 26th from 5:30—8:00pm

A parent must attend and older & younger siblings are welcome to join. Watch for registration information and additional details in your email.



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

Mavis Klaudt ~Gloria Mallory~Larry Croker~Gerald Meier
Emmett Mueller~Logan Rodberg~Ruth Leibrand

Baptisms @ Little Cedar:
RaeLynne & Addylin Voigt ~ Mother Amy Voigt

Funerals:
LC ~ Charles "Chuck" Prescott

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



COVID Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm

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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I feel like July flew by in a blink of an eye! We celebrated the Fourth of July by making fun tie dye t-shirts for each of the kids. The children painted rocks and they LOVED that! Anything to do with rocks is super exciting! We learned about ocean animals and grew our own. So far, we have a dolphin, crab, hammerhead and sea horse. They start out as what looks like a pill. You drop it in water and it expands into a sponge animal. Pretty neat! The daycare is expanding! We hired a new full time assistant!!! She will be starting in August. We are looking to hire another assistant to put in a few hours each week and when we need a sub. We are really enjoying the last part of the summer. Can't believe we will be getting back to school soon. It will be nice to get into a routine again!

Kate Wiste ~
Little Cedar Daycare Director



Taken from Christ In Our Home

God of grace, give us courage to speak up for the ways of your grace, even when it means not being nice. Amen



Cause of the Month for August

Marshall

"Salvation Army"



♥**Vacation Bible School**♥

Thank you for all the donations and prayers for our VBS this year. We had a wonderful week.



"Somehow, I thought you'd trust us here."

