

# September 2017

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



## **Proverbs 11:24**

*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.*

## **Matthew 10:42**

*And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."*

## **2 Corinthians 9:7**

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

## **Psalms 41:1**

*Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.*



## **GREETINGS MARSHALL AND LITTLE CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCHES!!**

Many ways to give. That is the thought that is going through my mind right now. Hurricane Harvey just hit, devastating Houston and much of the Gulf Coast. Many folks going through health and family crisis. The grocery cart for the Southland Food Shelf is always sitting outside my office door. Many needs around the world for those who are impoverished.

There are also many verses in scripture about the importance of living with a generous heart. Part of life as a disciple of Christ is to give to those in need. As 2 Corinthians says, not out of compulsion, but out of cheer. One can find joy and happiness by living out of a generous heart.

But with so many needs in this world, it can be overwhelming. When faced with these overwhelming needs, I am often times reminded by the wisdom of Mother Teresa, "I never look at the masses as my responsibility; I look at the individual. I can only help one person at a time. Just one, one, one. So you begin. I began - I picked up one person at a time." "The same thing goes for you, the same thing in your family, the same thing in your church, your community. Just begin - one, one, one."

I invite you to live out of a generous heart in whatever ways you feel moved to give. Starting with one person at a time.

Peace,

*Dr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**September 6th**  
Marshall Council

**September 10th**  
Rally Sunday LC & M  
Houston Meeting

**September 20th**  
Little Cedar Council

**September 24th**  
Junior High LYO



**Many Ways to Serve**

**Hurricane Harvey**—Little Cedar is a drop off point for any donations to support the relief efforts. We have a spot designated in the Narthex (back of church). Matt Schmitz will be making a 2nd trip to Texas on September 15<sup>th</sup>. His goal is to help small communities around Houston. From one small town to another. Here is just a small list of items that can be donated (feel free to donate any items you deem necessary): Drinking water, Non-perishable food, Paper towels, Toilet paper, Bleach, Cleaning supplies, Hygiene products, Feminine products, Toiletries, Baby diapers/formula/food, Pillows, Blankets, Underwear, Socks. Any monetary donations will go towards the gas for the semi's that are hauling the donations.



**God's Work Our Hands**

Little Cedar will be participating in "God's Work Our Hands" on Sunday, **September 10th** immediately following the **9am Worship Service**. This is an intergenerational event. We will be decorating and filling Breakfast Bags for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. These bags provide a healthy grab-and-go option for families to take along with them to medical appointments in the morning. The bags will go to RMH with the items collected at VBS. **We are excited to continue to be GOD'S HEROES to everyone!**



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

Jerry Matheis ~ Shirley Thome ~ Mary Ann Munson  
Brandi Rudd (granddaughter of June & Ed Wolf)  
Ramona Hanson ~ Norma Larson ~ Lillian Sprau  
Dan Morgan ~ Bev Nordeng  
Karen Kane & Raeann Kane (granddaughters of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)



**Baptisms: Little Cedar**  
Adelaide, Arya and Lyle Frank ~ Parents Alec & Lydia Frank

**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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**September Cause of the Month  
Little Cedar**



**September Cause of the Month  
Marshall**  
"Socks in the City"  
Central Lutherans Homeless Ministry

This year's **Lutefisk Dinner** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st. This is a perfect example of "many hands make light work." If you will be unavailable to fulfill your "usual" job, or if you didn't have a job last year and can help this year, please contact Nancy Smith at 507-582-7826 or [mnsmith6463@gmail.com](mailto:mnsmith6463@gmail.com)

♪♪♪ **Little Cedar Senior Choir** ♪♪♪

There are several folks that have expressed an interest in getting a choir together again. Please let the office know if you would like to be a part of this **group**, who will help organize and lead the choir as

**Marshall Cemetery News:**

The last day we will be watering the plants in the cemetery will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you wish to keep your plants please pick them up on or before this date.



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

**\*\*\*Lutheran World Relief Kits\*\*\***

It is time again to start filling up the baskets in the narthex at Little Cedar and the entryway at Marshall. List of what each Kit needs will be available for you to pick up and take with you when you go shopping.

Kits will be delivered to Albert Lea for pick up on **Saturday, October 14th**. So please have your finished kits to the churches no later than **Friday, October 13th**. Kits being collected are as follows:

- Bars of Soap**
- School Kits**
- Personal Care Kits**
- Baby Care Kits**
- Fabric Kits**



♥ **Baby Shower for Sam Mueller** ♥

September 10th at 1pm at Little Cedar.  
Lunch will be Served



Sam & John are registered at Target.  
They are expecting a Baby Girl.

**Marshall Ladies Day Out**

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church please sign up by September 10<sup>th</sup>

Meet at Bubbles Café for Coffee and Caramel Rolls at 9am.  
We will carpool from there to:  
**E & E Woodcraft and Confectionary South of Riceville**  
We will browse around the store and have lunch there also.



**\$\$\$Little Cedar Financial Report\$\$\$**

Beginning Balance 1/1/17	\$ -2054.51
Income	\$140,840.35
Expenses	-\$131,551.23
<b>Balance 8/31/2017</b>	<b>\$ 7,234.61</b>

**Service Group #6**

- Mark & Lilly Sorenson (438-6354)
- Mark (438-0804) Co-Chairperson
- Tracy & Angie Smith (440-5404) Co-Chairperson
- Larry & Ann Tompkins (582-7743)
- John & Cindy Jax (582-7797)
- Nancy Thalberg (582-3300)
- Nancy Smith Family (582-7826)
- Al & Pat Sorenson (582-3223)
- Randy & Janet Stephenson (433-7582)
- Kerry Stroup (437-4329)
- Jon & Laura Stroup (438-8995)
- Virgil Bergene (582-3254)
- Cathy Sumner (440-5068)
- LeRoy & Karen Swanson (582-3416)
- Marlo & Marilyn Thorstenson (582-3605)
- Dean Tipton (582-3417)
- Randy & RoeAnn Voigt (582-7717)
- Kendal & Deb Klaehn (582-3224)
- Gretchen Thome
- Mary Conroy (507) 298-0229



**September**

**Communion Clean-up**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Hours**

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

**Deliver Meals on Wheel**

September 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 15<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 September**

**Brian Bergene  
437-8663**

**Synodical Women's Organization Convention**

**September 16th @ St Olaf Lutheran in Austin, MN**

We have three great speakers lined up for the afternoon mini sessions at the SWO Convention this fall. Mower County Sheriff Terese Amazi will speak of "Child Abuse". Lieutenant Christina Bogojevic from the Minnesota State Patrol will talk about "Distracted Driving". Darrell Hildebrant, the Crime Prevention Specialist from Rochester Police Department, will update us about "Scams". Plan to join us for the day as we learn more about these important topics.

**Registration & Coffee: 7:45-8:45am**

**Cost: \$25.00**

**Convention: 8:45-4:00pm**



**September Readers**

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| September 3rd  | Marlene Hanson              |
| September 10th | Cody Crumb & Dakota Johnson |
| September 17th | Bev Bowers                  |
| September 24th | Kristina Matheis            |

Quilters meet at Little Cedar



**TBD  
@ 1:00pm**

**Little Cedar Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 17, 2017**

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, August 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Bryce Nelson. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Jan Weness gave devotions. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Mike Lamp, Linda Logsdon, Joe Matheis, Bryce Nelson, Lahoma Retterath, Dixie Rose, Janet Stephenson, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Sarah Mergen, Steve Schroeder, Sherry Schotanus, Shari Wagner, Susan Ydstie.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Janet Stephenson to approve the secretary's report with a clarification of wording from next fall, to this fall for the lawnmower purchase. Carried.

**Correspondence:** Joe read a letter from our insurance company stating that our deductible will go up to \$1000 next year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Lahoma Retterath to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building:** Joe reported that the parking lot will be seal coated this month.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Pastor Jeremy reported that he made about 43 visits in June and July. Some at AHCC, some in homes and some by phone.

- Little Cedar will continue to be an AHCC emergency evacuation site.

- Pastor will meet with those interested in planning a contemporary service for Rally Sunday, September 10.

- Pastor suggested we fill "breakfast kits" for Ronald McDonald House after worship on Rally Sunday for our God's Work Our Hands Project this year. A couple quilts may be set up to tie as part of the project also. All attending worship are encouraged to take part in helping with these projects which will be done in the Fellowship Hall on September 10th.

- The LYO cookbook has been sent in and a copy has been sent back to LC to proof read.

- Motion by Lahoma Retterath, seconded by Nancy Thalberg that Little Cedar give Tara the opportunity to attend the ELCA Youth Extravaganza conference in Houston, TX in January, with a portion of the payment to come from the balance of the Dean Julifs fund and the remainder of the cost from the lutefisk fund not to exceed \$2000 total. Carried by the majority. This meeting is a preparation for the youth gathering next summer and also offers continuing education opportunities for youth directors.

**No Outstanding Business or New Business:**

- Mike Lamp will give September devotions. Cause of the Month for September is Lutheran Social Service for capital to open an office for financial counseling to be located in Rochester.

- Next council meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

- The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness* Secretary  
Little Cedar Church Council





**Marshall Lutheran Church**

August 2, 2017  
Council meeting

**Exodus 20:15**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

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

**Topics**

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow

Pastor Jeremy - Note items:

- October marks the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. References to the Reformation will be used over the next few months.
- Luther Social Services will visit in September to share information about the newly opened Financial Services Planning office in Rochester as well as services they provide.
- Application sent to Colledgeville Rural Fellowship Program. Located by St. Cloud, requires a 2 yr. commitment of 1 overnight each month. Includes 12 participants (clergy, lay people), and would begin in October.
- Hoping to receive cookbooks prior to Lutefisk Dinner in November.
- Informs council of overcharge by Portico (health insurance), and upcoming changes.

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

- Total offering for July \$4977.15
- July Cause of the Month offering, to Luther Social Services for \$
- Lloyd Hardecopf cemetery memorial noted.

Larry moved to accept the reports; Dawn offered a second.

**Old Business:**

- August Cause of the Month Neighbor in Need.
- LP contracted for \$1.10 per gallon.
- Thank-you to Dale Himebaugh for covering expenses related to previous sewer issue.

**New Business:**

- Insurance policy renewed with decrease in monthly premium of \$12. Can be revisited if it appears that there might be additional options for cost savings.
- Larry will inquire with Worship Committee as to having an outside service this summer/fall.

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

**Members**

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

X = Present O = Absent



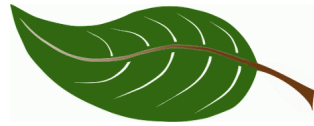
# Youth & Education News

June 25th - July 2, 2018



Cookbooks should be ready soon. The next payment for Houston of \$100 is due September 10th. We will also have our 1st MANDATORY meeting on September 10th at Len & Karina Mensink's at 5pm. We will fill out registration forms and then go in to supper and fun!! Bring your swimming suits if it is nice!

Our first **Senior High LYO** meeting will be **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** in combination with the mandatory Houston meeting. After the Houston portion we will have a regular meeting to plan our Calendar and elect our officers. This is for all 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at Little Cedar and Marshall. If you are not going to Houston but want to attend the regular meeting, please plan to be there at 6pm. Let Tara know you are coming!



R.O.C. is our Junior High Youth Group for students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Little Cedar and Marshall.



Our first meeting will be on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Mergen's in Rose Creek (107 4th St NW). More details to follow as it gets closer but wanted to get the date to you for your calendars!

**Little Cedar Sunday School starts September 10th with Rally Sunday at 9am. We will also have installation of teachers & helpers. We are very excited to show everyone our new classroom as well.**

**Cradle Roll Hearts will be presented to our 3-year-olds: Hayden Felten, Addy Frank, Kenlee Hanson, Adrian Mergen, Blakely Meyer, Jackson Schotanus and Grayson Wiste**

**Bibles will be presented to our 2nd Graders: Lauren Sorgatz, Hailey Voigt & Hope Voigt**



**LC Sunday School is for all youth who are from 3-years old to 5th Grade.**

**Marshall Sunday School starts on September 10th at 9:30am.  
There will be an Outside Worship Service following Sunday School.**

## ATTENTION



**Little Cedar & Marshall will have a Backpack Blessing on September 10th. This is for all students who carry a bag to school and any adults who carry a bag and are interested in joining us.**

There will be a 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Parent/Student Confirmation meeting on September 13th at 7pm. We will discuss the plan for the year and have meal sign-up. 7th Graders should have a possible mentor in mind for this meeting.

Our first class is Wednesday, September 20th. 6th Grade at 5pm and & 7th & 8th Grade at 6pm.

**Marshall Church Assistants**

- \*September 17—Nick Mensink
- \*September 24—Erin Hanson



**Little Cedar Church Assistants**

- \*September 10—U: Chase Johnson G: Alizha Kappers
- \*September 17—U: Olivia Matheis G: Kiyanna Meyer
- \*Communion Family—Eli Wolff
- \*September 24—U: Gregory Crumb G: Khlover Schulz

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

**Little Cedar Worship Assistants**

- \*September 10—Coltan Bryan
- \*September 17—Cody Krull
- \*September 24—Brad Lagerstedt



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

**Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is September 10th**

Ushers: Emily Conroy & Rachel Meany  
Readers: Cody Crumb & Dakota Johnson

**Little Cedar Communion Helpers  
September 17—Jacob Stephens**

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

We keep in prayer all the students and teachers heading back to school, be it Pre-School, Elementary School, Middle School, High School or College. May your year be blessed with wonderful learning experiences and good times with family and friends.





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