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# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse

## May 2021



### Matthew 5:43-48

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Churches!

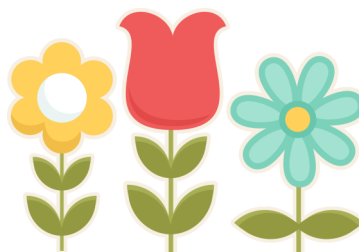
Spring is definitely into full swing. It is so great seeing farmers back out in the fields. Trees budding and grass greening up. Birds are returning and wildlife into full swing. It feels good to see creation coming back to life. It has felt like a breath of fresh air!

Today, I gave to you a reading from Matthew 5. The famous reading from Jesus to love your enemies. The saying goes that it is easier to talk the talk, than walk the walk. I think that applies to the life of a Christian. It is easy to talk about love, forgiveness, mercy, and grace. It is another thing to walk the walk and actually live out those ideals in life.

When we look back at the life of Jesus, we come to realize that the reason that Jesus was so disruptive was how he treated and showed compassion to those who were rejected by society. He healed, engaged, and blessed those who were outcasts. A leper. A tax collector. A woman caught in adultery. The woman at the well. A thief on the cross. There was the parable about the Samaritan.

Someone once said, “at the end of the day, I'd rather be excluded for who I include than included for who I exclude.” Jesus got himself into trouble for who he included. It can be difficult to walk the walk. To love our enemies. Jesus calls us to set aside our pride, anger, and differences. Jesus says, “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

Blessings! *Pastor Jeremy*



Important Dates

**May 2nd**  
Confirmation

**May 5th**  
Marshall Council

**May 19th**  
Little Cedar Council

**May 23rd**  
Senior Sunday




**Mark Your Calendars**

**Vacation Bible School**

The Education Committee is working on a safe way to bring this wonderful event back to our community this summer.

It will take place July 19-23.

Stay tuned for full details soon.



MAY



2021

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

Terry Emanuel ~ Larry Meyer (Brother-in-law) of Mel Thome  
Mavis Klautd ~ Judy Johnson ~ Curt Lewison ~ Gloria Mallory

**Baptisms @ Marshall:**  
Josephine Mae Meyer ~ Parents Montanna & Riley Meyer

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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April has already come and gone. We celebrated three birthdays and Easter. For Easter, we made bunny ear hats, little chicks, watched a movie and read books. We learned about opposites, big and small, stop and go. Our letters were U for umbrella, V for vase and van, W for whale and wind wand. Letters we counted to were 17 and 18. We got to learn and discover Canada for the "around the globe" portion of our curriculum. We explored underwater creatures and showed how our favorites moved and talked. Oliver the Octagon was our shape. Yellow was our color which reminds us of sunshine. Thankfully we have started seeing more of that! The kids have really enjoyed being outside without being all bundled up. Especially now that we have new sand! A friend from our community donated and hauled it to day-care. Another friend dumped it over our fence into the sand boxes. Helped us to experience the real community helper part in our learning which were farmers. We were able to watch them on tractors and dump trucks. We appreciate everything our neighbors do for all the littles. Very blessed! That brings us to being team players which was another part of our learning. We learned that many friends can work together to get something done faster, easier and more fun. We also had fun on our "search for bugs" and learned how they move. Looking forward to more sun shining days!

*Kate Wiste ~*

Little Cedar Daycare Director



**Open Bridal Shower for Emma Gulden**



*Saturday, May 15th at 10:00am*

*Little Cedar's Fellowship Hall*

*Emma will marry Lucas Mandt on*

*Aug 7, 2021 in Henderson, MN*

*This is a "come and go" shower with a few traditional shower elements right at 10am!*

**Masks are required**. Emma and Lucas are registered at Target, Amazon & Zola Registry.



**Cause of the Month for May**  
**Marshall**  
**Vacation Bible School**



**Thank You!!!!**

We would like to give a very big thank you to all who helped with the Drive Thru Meatball Dinner. It was another great success.

The Youth of Little Cedar and Marshall truly appreciate the support for the Youth Gathering in 2022.



**Hey Did You Know.....**

The confirmation students and their mentors assembled 227 personal care kits for LWR during their lock in on Friday April 23rd. That's amazing and wonderful. Thanks to everyone!!!



### Little Cedar Sunday School

I want to give a big Thank You to the families who joined me for our final Sunday School

Fun Day. It was a great day! I look forward to being back to normal in September!

Tara

### Confirmation News

Thanks for a great year kids. It was a challenge but we made it!

6th Grade students—be thinking about your mentors!

See you in September.

Tara



### Little Cedar & Marshall Senior High Youth Group

Our April meeting was a real bummer. We are hoping for a final meeting, fun night on May 16th. Stay tuned for details.

### Vacation Bible School

See Page 1 for some information.

### Mark Your Calendars

Senior Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, May 23rd at both Little Cedar and Marshall



## Congratulations to our Graduates

### Senior Sunday is May 23rd

#### **At Little Cedar**

Avery Medgaarden

Parents: Spencer & Nicole

Briella Wempner

Parents: Lynn & Mike

Lydia Wik

Parents: Christine & John

#### **At Marshall**

Kelsey Mensink

Parents: Len & Karina

Southland Baccalaureate is at Sacred Heart on May 23rd at 4:00pm.

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Students and their Families.**  
**These students will Affirm their Baptism on May 2nd.**



Little Cedar

Kendra Phyllis Helgeson ~ Parents Craig & Lynn ~ Mentor Joni Osmundson  
*Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

Micah Paul Johnson ~ Parents Pastor Jeremy & Sandy ~ Mentor Steve Schroeder  
*Genesis 17:1 I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be blameless.*

Adelyn Marie Kiefer ~ Parents Jacina & Chad ~ Mentor Jenna Muller  
*Romans 5:8 While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Abigail Eunice Sorgatz ~ Parents Kurt & Carrie ~ Mentor Kate Wiste  
*Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, the lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you.*

Marshall

Ella Claire Mensink ~ Parents Len & Karina ~ Mentor Kathi Himebaugh  
*1 Corinthians 16:13-14 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be strong. Do everything in love.*

Bryson James Kellogg ~ Parents Amanda & Ed ~ Mentor Sandy Johnson  
*1 Thessalonians 5:11 There for encourage one another and build up each other as indeed you are doing.*

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Carol Matheis, Spenser Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness.

The meeting was called to order by co-chairman, Spencer. The Mission Statement was read in unison.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Millie, seconded by John to accept the report as written. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie reviewed the written report. She reported that the income from the drive through meatball supper was \$5,768.58. Millie reported that the income is not keeping up with expenses right now. Motion by Jan, seconded by Carol, to accept the report as printed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**-Building:** There was discussion on repairing and painting the storage shed outside the kitchen door. An estimate will be gotten and decision made later.

**-Life and Mission:** Easter cards and goodie bags were delivered to shut-ins.

**-Youth and Education:** Confirmation lock-in will be held Friday, April 23. They along with their mentors, will pack 225 Personal Care Kits while there. Confirmation will be May 2. Vacation Bible School is tentatively set for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Tara will be having a family Sunday School activity on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**-Worship and Music:** The committee met to select hymns and plan worship

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor has done 3 services at AHCC and is now visiting residents and community members in their homes.

### **Outstanding Business:**

**-Intern Marcia:** Pastor meets with her once a week and also attends Synod training and meetings with her. She will be installed at St. John's on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Jeremy will be involved in the installation and Pastor Chris, former interim at St. John's, will be our pulpit supply for Sunday.

**-Leaf Blower:** Motion by Jan, seconded by Nancy that we purchase a leaf blower. Carried.

**-Ecumenical Service:** An ecumenical worship service will be held Dairy Days Sunday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. on Commerce Street.

**-Baccalaureate:** Service will be held, May 23, at Sacred Heart Church.

### **New Business:**

**-Funds from meatball dinner:** Motion by John, seconded by Carol to give \$5000 from the meatball dinner to the LYO for their convention expenses in 2022. Carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Chris will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness*~Secretary

Little Cedar Council



Minutes Respectfully submitted by, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Secretary

**Topics**

Meeting was called to order by Len Gary Kulow, Vice President.

*Pastor Jeremy updates:*

- Informs that visits to the nursing home are allowed again. Services have been performed twice thus far with communion offered.
- Confirmation is being held in person with 7/8 grades. First meal for the group this evening. Confirmand parents will be providing the meal for the four remaining sessions.
- Confirmation planned for
- Graduation recognition – Sunday 5/23 during services.
- Baccalaureate planned for Sunday, 5/23 at 4pm in the Sacred Heart auditorium.
- Note that Commencement will be held Sunday, 5/30 at the football field unless inclement weather

Secretary’s and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.

- Total offering for March \$6,853.63/\$62.00 COM/“Link” (teen homeless program).
- April Cause of the Month will be for Neighbor In Need
- PPP loan for \$7,000.00 received—forgivable loan to help cover payroll during COVID

Motion to accept reports from Gib with second from Kevin. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- No changes to current COVID action plan.
- Sabbatical Application process – Group met to craft documents needed, application is ready to go.
  - If grant is received Pastor is planning for May through mid-July. Planning to be home for youth gathering.
- Internship – Marcia Peterson has started at St. Johns with first solo service Sunday, 4/11.
  - Propose installation on Sunday, 4/25 at St. Johns (to confirm with St. Johns council)
  - Marcia will preach for Baccalaureate.

**New Business:**

- Dale/Chris to see if they might have left-over tar to fill holes until road repair has been completed.
  - Revisit cost, update estimate, of sealcoating when work on Co. 8 is done (Christian Brothers).

Council discusses repairs:

- Ceiling fan replacement – 5 ft. commercial steel, from Charlie Koenigs, will cost approximately \$85 each. Group endorses.
- Organ – quit during services but seems to be working tonight. Revisit if recurs.
- Piano has been replaced and the old piano can be removed. Ask Kathy to put a notice in the bulletin/church mouse. Free to members – you haul. Secondary advertisement through shopper, or otherwise, if needed.
- Storage shed work completed. Many thanks! ☐

- Summer Lawn care – Dale/Chris to confirm that Forrest will continue as previous. Cost of \$150 per time to be revisited next meeting as costs for equipment, fuel, etc. have gone up.
- Spring Clean up proposed for Saturday, May 15 – bring your own tools – rake, etc.
- COM updated through July (attached).

Motion to adjourn from Chris with second from Andrew. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Dawn Kiefer –Secretary  
Marshall Council

