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Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

November is of course the month of Thanksgiving. The month to give thanks!! As we head into Thanksgiving, Advent, and the rest of the holiday season, I also find it to be a time for hope. This is something that is greatly needed at this time.

I must admit that hope is a bit difficult to grasp and explain. You can buy whole books that try to explain hope. Hope is a tricky business. Some people seem to just naturally have it all the time. Others need to work at it. Sometimes hope seems to be overflowing, and other times you can't find it no matter how hard you try.

You never know when and how it comes to us. Sometimes it might surprise you. You may be sitting all tired from your life, and a single genuine caring word from a complete stranger may become hope for you. It may be in the kind gestures, a good deed, a gentle song. Ironically it may also be in the worst of times as well. It may emerge from within yourself when you begin to give up.

No matter where hope comes from it is that which pushes us forward in our day. Hope is what sends a farmer into the field, a student to school, and a parent off to work. Hope can be honest about our circumstances, and know that the future may still have trials, but also push forward into the future for something better.

Romans 5 tells us that we can have hope in Jesus Christ at all times. We are claimed and saved by Jesus. This then frees us to live with hope, knowing that in the end God will prevail. David Lose wrote this about hope. "Hope testifies that whether things get better or worse yet ultimately God's good will for us and all creation will prevail. And rooted in that promise, we can take action today, standing with the good, opposing evil, and doing what we can, not because we expect or need to save the world, but rather because we believe that since God will save the world we are free to throw ourselves into taking care of the little corner of the world in which we find ourselves."

In Christ,
Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

November 4th
Marshall Council

November 8th
Drive Thru Meatball Dinner
Little Cedar

November 18th
Little Cedar Council

November 26th
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*******Meatball DriveThru Dinner*******

Little Cedar Lutheran Church ~ Adams, MN 55909

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Pick-up time ~ 3:30 to 6:30pm

Menu:

Swedish Meatballs & Gravy ~ Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable ~ Cranberries ~ Lefse ~ Dessert

Due to restrictions for COVID we have had to make changes for our Annual Dinner. We are going to have a Meatball (Drive Thru) Dinner held at Little Cedar Lutheran Church in Adams, Minnesota. You do not even need to get out of your car! Just drive-up, place your order and we will bring it out to you.

A Free Will Donation will be collected



November

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

Gus Johnson ~ Liam Kiefer ~ Brian Herbert ~ Curt Lewison ~ Rick Hinz
 Tim Dahle ~ Lahoma Retterath ~ Jim Bustad ~ Sharon Osmundson
 Wayne Underdahl Larry Nerison ~ Pastor Wayne Quibell ~ Gloria Mallory
 Mavis Klautd ~ Mel Thome ~ Terry Emanuel ~ Alice Koball ~ Ramona Hanson
 Sam Anderson (son of Valeta Anderson)

Weddings: LC~ Kara Sathre to Jon Mittag ~ Parents Jim & Connie Sathre

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

Senior Pastor	Jeremy Johnson	pastorjeremylcm@gmail.com
Office Administrator	Kathy Voigt	kathyvoigtlcm@gmail.com
Youth & Education Director	Tara Mandt	taramandt1cm@gmail.com
Day Care Director	Kate Wiste	lccdaycare14@gmail.com



October has already come and gone! For the curriculum, we met Sheldon the square, made an orange collage, learned about fire safety-the kids had fun when we set off the fire alarm! The children made a duck plate when we worked on the letter D and a dalmatian dog puppet. For the letter E, we made an elephant, learned about Eve from the Bible, and the earth. We have been talking about places around the globe and it was New Zealand's turn. The children made a fishing pole with a fish on the end of the line and a frog on a lily pad for the letter F. The numbers 4-6 were our numbers for the month. From that, we made a tree with leaves, pumpkin bucket with 5 treats in it and a giraffe made out of a 6. We learned about emotions and how to try and control them. We melted crayons on little white pumpkins and decorated the church with them. We also painted big, orange ones. The kids had a blast! We tried a bunch of new vegetables and surprisingly a lot of them ate them well. We gave out gift treat bags and had a costume party for Halloween. Hope every has a great and safe Halloween!!

Kate Wiste ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director



Cause of the Month for November

Marshall

“Lutheran World Relief”

COVID NEWS

Who would have thought we would still be dealing with this in such an intense way 5 months into it. Do to COVID we have lots of restrictions of course that had to be added to our daily lives. Here is a update on new changes that have been made to help keep our members and community safe.

1. There will be no “Coffee Hour” in November.
2. If in the building you **must wear a mask.**
3. LC -9AM ~ M-10:30AM



Rental of the Fellowship Hall for Showers, Reunions, Scouts and Girl Scouts, 4-H etc. will be required to read and sign a **NEW** contract for using the building. **Masks must be worn at all times.** A fee of \$25 will be added for the extra sanitizing that will have to be done after your group leaves the building.

Note that changes may need to be made, updates added, once Sunday school and Confirmation start.



Fall Bible Study **“Where is God in difficult times?”**

When we find ourselves in difficult times, it can be challenging to feel God’s presence. We wonder where God is at or how could God let such a thing happen. For our Fall Bible Study, we will tackle the question, “Where is God in difficult times?” Pastor Jeremy will host a virtual Bible study on Fridays starting November 13th. A video will be posted to Facebook, YouTube, and church website, along with a study sheet to guide your own personal studies. To get the study started, Pastor Jeremy will also host an in-person study on November 12th and 19th at 9:00am for any that would like to attend .



The **Senior High Youth Group** held their October meeting on Sunday, October 11th at 4pm at Little Cedar Church. We carved pumpkins and discussed what plans we could do going forward with Covid.

Our November meeting is tentatively set for November 15th, with plans being tentative as well. We are also working on a way to still support the Southland Food Shelf even though we are unable to do the Scavenger Hunt.

Respectfully submitted,
Eli Wolff
Vice-President



Little Cedar Sunday School

There will be some changes coming to our Sunday School program.

Watch for emails.



Confirmation News

6th Grade meets from 5-6pm

7th & 8th Grade meets from 6-7pm

7th & 8th Graders meet with their mentors on November 4th.

We do not have class on November 25th.

The **Junior High Youth Group** was scheduled to meet on October 25th but the meeting was cancelled. With it being cold out, we would have had to meet inside and the activity would not have allowed for social distancing and there would have been too much contact. We will try to meet again if possible.



Congratulations to our First Communion Students and their Families
First Communion Sunday was October 25th.

Little Cedar

Lauren Sorgatz ~ Parents Kurt & Carrie



Marshall

James Heimer ~ Parents Matt & Lesley

Alyssa Himebaugh ~ Parents Forrest & Kathi



Congratulations to our Confirmation Students and their Families

Little Cedar

Coltan Benjamin Bryan ~ Parents *Jeremy & Bonny Bryan* ~ Mentor *Sarah Mergen*

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. Jeremiah 29:11-12

Cody John Krull ~ Parents *Lori & Brian Hill and John Krull & Laura Chaffee* ~ Mentor *Kathy Voigt*

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10

Bradley David Lagerstedt ~ Parents *David & Susan Lagerstedt* ~ Mentor *Cody Kirkpatrick*

I can do all things through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Gavin Joseph Mergen ~ Parents *Kyle & Sarah Mergen and Shyanne & Matt Dobbs* ~ Mentor *Jay Howton*

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Hope Amy Stephens ~ Parent *Amy Stephens* ~ Mentor *Jill Gilson*

Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered-how fleeting my life is. Psalm 39:4

Riley Michael Walerak ~ Parents *Mike & Joni Walerak* ~ Mentor *Joe Moenck*

“But now I will send for many fishermen, declares the Lord, and they will catch them after that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and from the crevices of the rocks. My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden for me nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.”
Jeremiah 16:16-17

Marshall

Jessie Ann Hanson ~ Parents *Kevin & Carie Hanson* ~ Mentor *Kristina Hanson*

Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” John 13:7

Julia Lynn Kiefer ~ Parents *Tom Kiefer and Linda Sendle* ~ Mentor *Lori Wiste*

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my house is in you all day long.” Psalm 25:4-5

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Secretary

Topics
<p>Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.</p>
<p><i>Pastor Jeremy updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Pastor discussed with council his allotted 4 Sundays off per year. Currently he has used 2 and will take the Sunday after Christmas off. One remaining Sunday with undetermined use and may carry to next year. ●Discussed with group, should there be a need, for Pastor to quarantine or in the event that he should get COVID. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○Group is realistic regarding risk of future exposure and /or illness and agrees that YouTube video would work. There is an understanding the pulpit supply is generally unavailable at this time due to COVID. ●Sunday Worship Discussion: If Southland school district closes group agrees that there would be no in-person worship services; YouTube or other would be used. ●Confirmation—”normal” sessions, including dinner, to be held with 6,7,8th graders for two weeks. Beginning 10/21 Southland will use Weds. as a “flex day” having no students on school grounds. With this in mind, after 10/21, evening Confirmation Sessions will continue as usual but there will be no evening meal. ●Religious release will be held, during the school day, on Thursdays, for elementary students only. As noted above, school will be closed on Weds.. Release for Jr./Sr. High will be reevaluated after the Christmas break as this student population is considered high risk.
<p>Secretary’s and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Total offering for September \$2,185.00/\$72.00 COM—Socks in the City ●October Cause of the Month offering will be for Lutheran World Relief. <p>Motion to accept reports from Donna with second from Gary. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Donna informs that Denny Freund will be in the area and will stop at the church to take a look at needed repairs. Donna to contact Len or Dale if there is an immediate need for funds. ●Len will contact Darin Boe to request that he further investigate possible plugged tile line in the cemetery. Acknowledge that cost will be incurred as digging, with heavy equipment, will be needed. ●Personnel/Finance Committees: Carie will continue to attend as needed.
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Communion—wine and /or bread will be determined by number of attendees during services. Higher numbers make offering wine more difficult. Note that folks may struggle with cane/walker use and removal of mask to receive wine. ▶ Group discussed fall pumpkin hunt and auction. Len will reach out to Kathi H. and Julie Hanson regarding pumpkin hunt. <p>Group proposes this take place on church grounds, eliminating hay ride and communal lunch. Auction may be possible depending on Terry Hamilton’s availability. Options to be considered—is it possible to do outside, etc.?</p> <p>Update from conversation with St. John’s Lutheran/Elkton. As their Pastor resigned this summer, they are currently in the process of discegment & self study for their pastoral and ministry needs. As part of this process, they’ve sent letters and will be having conversation with surrounding churches to inquire about the possibility of sharing responsibilities. If needed there will additional conversations for input from councils and perhaps congregations.</p>
<p>Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Rod. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.</p>

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Carrie Sorgatz, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Chris Roser, Mary Conroy, Becky Hartwig, John Jax.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Carol Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Millie Weness.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Vicki Kiefer that the secretary's report be accepted with suggested changes. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from both the Mankato and Winona campus ministries thanking Little Cedar for the donation. A note of greetings was read from Barb Hoffert.

Treasurer's Report: Millie explained the report. She is very pleased with the consistency of giving during COVID. We were very blessed by the government Payroll Protection Act, which helped us considerably with a grant to help with the payroll for several months. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Lynn Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Carried.

Committees:

Building: John Jax gave a copy of the plan for trees to be planted in the yard in memory of Jim Schroeder. The seal coating of the parking lot will be done soon. The stained glass will be installed in the narthex soon.

Cemetery: Chance Meyer will spray the cemetery this fall. Steve Schroeder will trim some trees.

Life and Missions: The committee is planning to bring "goodie" bags to those not able to attend worship right now.

Personnel: The committee will meet with staff for their annual interviews next week.

Daycare: The committee raised Gabby Smith's salary by \$.50 and Jade Shultz's salary by \$.25 per hour beginning October 1. The daycare is full.

Youth and Education: Tara gave a printed report which is attached. Religious release will go on for the elementary one day per week. There will be no middle and high school religious release at this time because of COVID guidelines. This decision will be reevaluated at a later time as the school year progresses.

Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Vicki Kiefer that up to \$500 be spent for Lutheran World Relief school kits with the money to come from the Lutefisk Fund. Carried. Millie mentioned that they were very short on kits right now.

Worship and Music: Guidelines were planned for when we would close down indoor worship in case of an increase of COVID.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jeremy is making personal outdoor visits to shut-ins.



Outstanding Business:

Lutefisk: It was decided to have a take-out meatball dinner. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Carrie Sorgatz that we have a take-out meatball dinner on Sunday, November 8, from 3:30- 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will donation for the meal. Carried.

St. John's Elkton: Pastor and some congregation members from Little Cedar and Marshall will meet with St. John's Church members Wednesday, September 23, to discuss their needs.

New Business: There will be no coffee hours for the month of October. Feel free to bring your own.

Jan will give October devotions. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 21. Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, *Jan Weness*

To be approved at the next council meeting in November