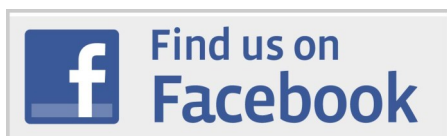


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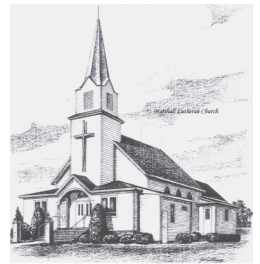
Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly



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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



A New Chapter, A Shared Ministry

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” — Romans 12:10

Dear Beloved,

If you had asked me about twelve years ago, when I first moved to this country as a graduate student, “What is your next step?” I would have confidently said that I would finish my studies and return to Tanzania to serve my community. Yet, here I am—years later—in Adams, serving God among you. Because as Isaiah wrote, ‘God’s thoughts are not our thoughts and neither are our ways His ways’ (Isaiah 55:8-9). From the very first day I spoke with the church council about the possibility of becoming your pastor, I heard God’s voice clearly saying, ‘my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.’ I do not take this call lightly. I grew up in a small village in Tanzania, nurtured by a close-knit community. My parents are small-scale farmers, and I still love the smell of rain and the feel of mud underfoot. Green is my favorite color because it reminds me of cornfields after the rain. I spent much of my childhood running through the fields and chasing chickens—a simple life that continues to shape who I am today. And believe me or not, Winter in Minnesota became my favorite season, because it brings freshness in the air and coziness in our homes. As a pastor in Tanzania, most of the congregations I served were in small, rural villages. Later, I became a professor of music, but even then, I deeply missed serving in a congregation. There is something profoundly sacred about small communities and rural churches: they know and care for their people in ways that reflect the heart of the Gospel.

This truth is deeply rooted in our Christian story. Those who study history will know that the Church did not begin as a large, structured institution. The early gatherings not yet called “churches”—began in people’s kitchens and living rooms. These communities shared meals, reflected on their faith, read whatever sacred texts were available (there was no Bible yet), and prayed for one another. These gatherings became the foundation of Christian fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. From these humble beginnings, the Church was born - a family of brothers and sisters united in faith and centered on the Lord’s Supper. And we must remember that women were often at the heart of these gatherings, serving and leading in ways that embodied the very essence of ministry. For to share gifts, to serve one another, and to nurture community is to be the Church. This is the first of many reflections I hope to share with you. I am deeply excited and grateful to serve among you. As a teacher, my passion is to learn from you and to grow together as we discern God’s call for our shared ministry. What is God inviting us to do together in this time and place? As your pastor, I promise to be present with you—to help create a space where each person is seen, valued, and cared for. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Romans 12:10: “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” That is our shared calling—to love and serve one another, and through that love, glorify God in our community and beyond. May His name be glorified through all we do together in this new chapter of our shared ministry.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Emmanuel



November 5th

Marshall Council

November 19th

Little Cedar Council

November 24th

Central Lutheran Trip

November 26th

Thanksgiving Worship @ LC

November 27th & 28th

Office Closed

CENTRAL LUTHERAN COLLECTION

**The Annual trip to Central Lutheran
is scheduled for Monday, November 24th.**

Below are the most needed items that Pastor Melissa shared.

*Some of our Free Store shoppers have gotten into new homes and are looking for pots, pans, dishes, sheets, blankets and towels. They could use anything that makes an apartment a home. We are always in need of men's clothing in all sizes.

******You may begin bringing in your donations November 2nd.******

- **It's best if these items were gently used and clean before they are donated to us.**

The Free Store needs to provide for folks who are looking for cooler-weather clothes. We do not have a lot of storage space to house out-of-season items.

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Del Sorgatz ~ Gladys Morgan ~ Judy Johnson ~ Penny Kane
Inez Boyken (Deb Fasbender's Aunt) ~ Tracey Barrett (Deb Fasbender's Cousin)

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or in need of prayers
please call the church office.

Baptism

Little Cedar: Beau Nelson ~ Parents Adam & Kim

Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday from 11:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday Worship: Little Cedar 9:00am Marshall 10:30am

Sunday School: Little Cedar 10:00am Marshall 9:30am

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Annual Meatball Dinner



**YOU MAY PICKUP YOUR TAKEOUT MEAL
AND ENJOY IT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Little Cedar Lutheran Church
Adams, MN 55909
Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2025**

Menu:

Swedish Meatballs & Gravy ~ Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots ~ Cranberries ~ Lefse ~ Cookie

**Serving
4:00PM TO 6:30PM**

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

Proceeds to support our mission work to our local
community and beyond

November Little Cedar Service Group #3

**Chairs: Tara Mandt, Sam & John Mueller,
and Lucas & Emma Mandt**

Bonny Bryan	Jim & Lynn Johnson
Dave & Susan Lagerstedt	Mike & Lisa Lamp
Brenda & Chris Landherr	Dixie Rose
Kerry Stroup	Brian & Lani Wolff
Patricia & Ron Milks	Marcia Mullenbach
Karen Anderson	Mary Schmitz
Alice Wiste	Carol Lagerstedt
Jill Sathre	Chans & Holly Meyer
Becca Schmitz	Jon & Laura Stroup

Communion Clean-Up

November 2nd, 16th & 30th

Deliver Meals on Wheels

November 3rd through 14th

Coffee Hour

November 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
(Not November 2nd – that is LYO)

Thanksgiving Service

November 26th

Serve & clean up pie

Serve any functions requested.

Little Cedar Readers

November 2—John Mueller

November 9—Youth

November 16—Sam Mueller

November 23—Kern Hall

November 30—Millie Weness

****Augsburg Clinic Needs:**

URGENT NEED: Underwear — all sizes:

Men's (boxers and briefs) and women's

Deodorant and combs

Small Zip Lock bags, and plastic grocery bags.

**This is part of the Central Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26th

Little Cedar @ 7:00pm

Council Meetings for November

Marshall Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 5th @ 7:30pm

Little Cedar Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 19th @ 7:30pm

**LWR Kit totals from both**

Little Cedar and Marshall Churches

Quilts ~ 67 School Kits ~ 110

Personal Care Kits ~ 44

Baby Care Kits ~ 19 Fabric Kits ~ 8

Thank you to all who donated items, sewed quilts, assembled kits.

Youth & Education News

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *November 2—Usher: Lane, Greeter & Communion: Payton
- *November 9—Usher: Sadie, Greeter: Sophia
- *November 16—Usher: Sophie, Greeter & Communion: Kallie
- *November 23—Usher: Payton, Greeter: Sophia
- *November 30—Usher: Sadie, Greeter: Lane



Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- *November 2—Usher: Adam, Communion: Kenzie
- *November 9—Usher: Aria
- *November 16—Usher: Addie, Communion: Shannon
- *November 23—Usher: Kenzie
- *November 30—Usher: Avery, Communion: Adam

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *November 2—Willow
- *November 9—Grayson
- *November 16—Kenlee
- *November 23—Julia
- *November 30—Ruby



Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

- November 2—Wyatt
- November 16—Juliette
- November 30—Easton

Little Cedar Coffee Hour is November 2nd

Family—Holly, Chans & Easton Meyer

Little Cedar Youth Sunday is November 9th

Ushers: Addison and Audrey
Readers: Cameron and Taya



If you are unable to work your assigned Sunday please contact Tara.

Youth & Education News

Little Cedar Sunday School News

We will sing on Sunday, November 16th during worship! Watch your email for details!

Save the Date: Our Christmas Program is on December 21st during 9am worship!

Confirmation News

November 5th—Regular Class—Meal, Heimer Family

November 12th—Regular Class—Meal, Hanson Family

November 19th—Regular Class—Meal, Canterbury Family

November 26th—NO Class for Thanksgiving Worship



Senior High Youth Group

Our first meeting Senior was on October 12th. We met at JJ Smiths for supper. We elected officers, planned our calendar, and had some fun. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 16th at Air Insanity. Watch for details.

Secretary, Brandt Kellogg



Junior High Youth Group

We are looking ahead to Christmas! Watch for details!



Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

Pastor updates:

- ☐ There is a meeting with the new potential Interim Pastor Thursday, October 2nd at 5pm at Little Cedar.
- ☐ We have Pulpit Supply set through the end of October.

Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.

- ☐ Total offering for September \$2,720.00/\$481.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- ☐ October Cause of the Month offering will be for Real Hope for the Hungry.
- ☐ Next month – November- Cause of the month will be for Gerard Academy Motion to accept reports from Rhonda with a second from Cory. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- ☐ Lonny and Adam have been working on the playground. They will get quotes on what it would cost for rubber mulch.
- ☐ Cory looked into options for gooseneck microphones. Adam was unable to find speakers. Cory will assess placement and lengths of microphones.
- ☐ Tricia will discuss setting up a meeting for the 150th Anniversary celebration at circle next week. Council recommended waiting until the first of the year to set up the meeting, after the holiday rush is over.
- ☐ The culvert has been replaced. In the spring, we will discuss getting blacktop placed over where it was replaced.
- ☐ LP has been contracted for winter through Freeborn County Coop.
- ☐ Steam Brothers came and cleaned the carpet in the basement where the furnace leaked.

New Business:

- ☐ No new business was discussed. Motion to adjourn from Cory with a second from Kevin. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Amber Hanson, Marshall Council Secretary

Lesley Heimer		Patricia Kulow (Fin. Secy)	X	Lonny McKay	
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Rhonda Emanuel	X	Forrest Himebaugh	X
Amber Hanson (Secy)	X	Cory Grant	X	Adam Chapek	
Kevin Hanson	X	Kathy Voigt	X		



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Holly. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Pat gave devotions. Present: Jim Johnson, Tara Mandt, Joe Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Pat Sorenson, Jan Weness. Absent: Lyndsey Hall, Ethan Heard.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Tara, seconded by Dixie to accept the September report as printed. Carried.

Financial Report: The report submitted by Lyndsey was reviewed. The church is still behind in donations and there is a negative balance. Motion by Jan, seconded by Joe to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Finance: The shared expense report with Marshall was reviewed and accepted.

-Personnel: The committee met with all the employees

-Life and Missions: The committee members are trying to get visits made to shut-ins while we do not have a pastor.

Old Business:

-Interim Pastor: Holly updated the council on the next steps to call a pastor. A contract has been signed for an interim pastor, Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi, to begin serving Little Cedar and Marshall on Tuesday, October 21.

Prayers are encouraged for Pastor Jolene as she is experiencing some serious medical issues.

New Business:

-Meatball drive through dinner: The drive through dinner will be held on Sunday, November 9. The cost will be a donation for the meal.

-Council member resignation: Ethan Heard has resigned from the council. A new person will be elected to serve out the remaining two years of his term at the annual meeting.

--Compensation for Tara's sub: Motion by Bryce, seconded by Spencer to pay anyone who subs for teaching Confirmation or weekday release at the same rate Tara receives. Carried.

-Building rental for Marshall Township Board meetings: Motion by Spencer, seconded by Joe we charge \$50 per meeting for rent of our building to Marshall Township for their meetings which will be held in the Narthex. Carried.

The next meeting is Wednesday, **November 19, at 7:30 p.m.** Devotions will be given by Holly. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Jan Weness, Secretary