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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



December 2021

ADVENT  MESSAGE



Isaiah 9:2-7

² *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.*
³ *You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy, they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.*
⁴ *For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*⁵ *For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*
⁶ *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
⁷ *His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Happy Advent Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

I love it when Advent begins! The excitement and the anticipation is something to relish and enjoy! The call that we hear in Advent to wait and prepare, to anticipate and take joy. The quiet stillness of Advent that brings a calm to our hearts.

During the pandemic, one of the things that it forced us to do is slow down and enjoy the quiet times of life. We were forced to focus and remember those things that are truly important in life. I'd say that everything is back into full swing. Things are as busy as ever and that's not necessarily a bad thing. Hopefully we do remember those things that are truly important and enjoy those times.

I invite you to take your time during Advent in preparing for the busyness of Christmas. Let the excitement and anticipation build, but also enjoy the moments of silence. I don't know that there is any other holiday busier than Christmas. There are so many preparations that need to be done. I think most of us enjoy all those preparations, because it builds up the excitement for Christmas. We need that time to prepare for such a big holiday. So enjoy and take that time to prepare for the light that will vanquish the darkness.

Wishing you a blessed, fun, fulfilling, and safe Holiday season this year!

In Christ, *Dr. Jeremy*



Important Dates

December 1st
Marshall Council

December 12th
Marshall SS Program
Christmas in the Barn

December 15th
Little Cedar Council

December 19th
Little Cedar SS Program

December 24th
Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve Worship



Sunday School Christmas Programs

Marshall Sun. Dec. 12th ~ 10:30am

Little Cedar Sun. Dec. 19th - 9:00am



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule:

Friday December 24th , 2021

Little Cedar ~ 5:00pm Marshall ~ 7:00pm



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

Mavis Klautd ~Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier
Kevin Sternhagen (Husband of Cheryl Underdahl Sternhagen)

Baptisms:

M: Alex Wade Whipple~Parents Aaron & Karla Whipple

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



Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday from 11:00am to 6:00pm

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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Can't believe it's already the end of November!! The weather definitely does not feel like it. We are enjoying it for sure! We used one of our accordion style curtains from our playroom and got it to fit out in the hallway to make a little storage closet for some of our extra toys, books and jackets. It is very nice! We celebrated Thanksgiving a couple days earlier. The kids made turkey hats and we read books about the 1st Thanksgiving. We also celebrated Veterans Day.

Riley the Rectangle was introduced this month along with the color brown, G,H,I and the numbers 7 and 8. We made monster puppets and played imagination door. The kids wanted dinosaurs, princesses riding unicorns, cats and Cocomelon to be behind the door! We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



God Bless Us Everyone

Kate Wiste ~
Little Cedar Daycare Director

Cause of the Month for December

Marshall

“Cancer Telethon“



Real Hope For the Hungry

We will once again be hosting a food pack for Real Hope for the Hungry in the Little Cedar Fellowship Hall on **Monday, December 6th at 6:00pm**. We will be in need of two things. Hands to help us pack food and monetary donations to make it happen!

It's a meaningful and hands on way for kids and adults to make a concrete impact on the world. The rice meals that are packed go to some of the neediest people in the world that find themselves in troubled times for various reasons. We will be accepting monetary donations. A \$15 donation will buy 10 bags and that feeds 60 people. Give as much as you would like. We encourage everyone to help in any way that they can. A little can go a long way! We will be looking for 35 people to sign-up to pack.

Please call/text Pastor Jeremy at 507-481-4394 or email at pastorjeremylcm@gmail.com

Bible Study

Pastor Jeremy and Intern Marcia will be hosting a Bible Study starting this fall on Thursday mornings at 9AM next meeting will be **December 9th** All from St. John's, Little Cedar, and Marshall are welcome to join us. And heck, you can even bring your neighbor's, sister's, cousin-twice removed. All are welcome! We will meet in the Little Cedar narthex over a cup of coffee. Bring your favorite study Bible.

Our title of the study is **The Other**. The Other is an individual who is perceived by the group as not belonging, as being different in some fundamental way. Any stranger becomes the Other. The other is often seen as a lesser or inferior being and is treated accordingly. We will look at stories of Others in scripture and how God sees the Other and calls us to embrace the other. The study sheets will be available on Pastor Jeremy and Intern Marcia's office doors. We will also send out the Bibl-E-Study email each week. I'd invite you to sign up for that if you haven't already. It's a time in the



Equal Exchange Update~

We will be sending in another order in early December.

Worship Assistants & Service

Little Cedar Service Group #2

Co-Chairs: Ken & Becky Hartwig and Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden

**We will no longer be listing emails and phone numbers in the Churchmouse. Contact the church office if you need to contact anyone. We are trying to help reduce the SPAM calls and emails we all get!

- Linda Gilles
- Rick Hinz
- LeRoy & Karen Swanson
- Randy & Janet Stephenson
- Becca Schmitz
- Del & Marge Sorgatz
- Kevin Hanson
- Bryant & Ann Hokeness
- Meridee Wigham
- Penny Gilson
- Bill & Linda Jahn
- Mavis Wermager
- June Hanson
- Norm & Joan Hoeft
- Alice Wiste
- Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz
- Jacina Kiefer
- Kate Wiste

Communion Clean-Up
December 12th and 24th

Deliver Meals on Wheels
December 6th through 17th

Coffee Hour
December 12th, 19th
(Christmas Program) & 26th


And any functions that are
requested

Little Cedar Readers

December 5th
Jan Weness

December 12th
YOUTH—See Below

December 26th
John Logsdon



Little Cedar High School
Communion Helpers
December 12—Riley

Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

December 5—Meyer Family

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is December 12th
Ushers: Gregory & Coltan and Readers: Cody & Kendra

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

*December 5—Addie

*December 12—Taya

*December 26—Lauren

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

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *December 5—Usher: JJ, Greet: Elliott,
- *December 12—Usher: Avery, Greet: Kaden, Comm. Family: Cameron
- *December 26—Usher: Wyatt, Greet: Mya

Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

- *December 5—Usher: Alex
- *December 12—Usher: Sara
- *December 19—Usher: Shannon, Communion: Lillian
- *December 26—Usher: Amy



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Our November **Senior High LYO** meeting was held on Sunday, November 14th. We had lunch at Little Cedar and then made holiday cards for the homeless, veterans, elderly and more. It was fun day listening to Christmas music and being creative with friends. Our December meeting will be on the 12th and we will have a Christmas party in Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,
Alizha Kappers, Secretary



The **Junior High LYO's** next meeting will be their Christmas party; probably in January. Stay tuned for details.

Little Cedar Sunday School Schedule:

We will have class December 5th and 12th. We will have our Christmas program on December 19th with a celebration after!

Confirmation Schedule & News:

December 1—Regular Class—All Grades

December 8—Regular Class—All Grades

December 15—Regular Class—All Grades

December 22— NO CLASS

December 29— NO CLASS

Meal: Bryans

Meal: Meyers

Meal: McKays



Poinsettia Order Form~2021

Little Cedar

Marshall

Please fill out and bring to the church office.

Given by _____

In Memory In Honor _____

I would like _____ Poinsettia/s
(number you wish to order)

Cost is \$12.00 per plant. Please enclose money with your order form.

Make checks payable to Little Cedar Church.

Deadline to order is December 15th, 2021.

Minutes—respectfully submitted by, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Council Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink President.
Pastor Jeremy updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food packing to support Real Hope for the Hungry planned for Monday, 12/6 ● Trip to Central Lutheran, with supplies, planned for Monday, 11/22. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteers will be required to mask. ● Planning to be away on Sunday, 12/5. Shirley Gangsted will cover from pulpit supply. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also planning to be away on Sunday, 12/28
Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total offering for October \$2410.00/ \$399.50 Lutheran Disaster Relief – Hurricane Ida. ● November Cause of the Month offering will be for Gerard Academy. ● 2022 Budget draft will be finalized in January prior to the annual parish meeting. ● Proposal brought forward by Kathy, 2nd from Gary, to contribute \$250.00 to Real Food for the Hungry food pack. Motion carried. Motion to accept reports from Gary -----with second from Kevin. Motion carried.
Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No changes to COVID action plan. Using current Mower County status as a guideline, congregations are asked to mask for church services at this time. ● Shared Ministry group (Little Cedar, Marshall, St. John’s) met regarding contractual agreement for Internship. Minor verbiage changes proposed/endorsed; St. John’s members will be present for conversation regarding Marshall/LC pastor but will not participate in vote related to staffing allocation. ● Sabbatical conversation regarding duration of absence. Len informs the Personnel Council (LC & Marshall) have endorsed 4 –6-week absence. Exact duration to be determine when plans are final. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastor advises that he will inquire with the Synod to see if extended coverage is possible
New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christmas in the Barn planned at Jill/Kevin Sathre farm the evening of 12/12. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planned that there will be rotation, every other year, for Christmas in the Barn and Live Nativity. ● Pastor Marcia will conduct Thanksgiving Eve service at Little Cedar. ● Preliminary discussion regarding rotation of services for Lent – to include Little Cedar, Marshall and St. John’s. Further conversation Q1 next year. ● Marshall sponsoring Salvation Army dinner 11/9. No participation, from members, required.
Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Gib. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer. <i>Dawn Kiefer</i> –Secretary Marshall Council



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Vicki Kiefer, Chris Roser.

Co-chair, Spencer, called the meeting to order. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Connie.

Secretary's Report: Motion by John, seconded by Carol to approve the secretary's report as printed. Carried.

Correspondence: A thank you from Barb Hoffert was read. Good Earth Village reminded us that they have an online auction that will finish on November 20, with all proceeds funding the future of GEV.

Treasurer's Report: Millie reviewed the report. She reported that our expenses have been exceeding the offerings now for several months. She also reported that 540 people were served at the drive through meatball dinner, with a profit of \$6152. That income will be used for outreach. Motion by Jan, seconded by Tracy to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committees:

-Building: The range is repaired with the cost of parts donated and repairs done by Jim Sathre. Thanks, Jim.

-Life and Missions: The committee is looking at a Christmas project for our senior citizens that can be done safely with Covid still a concern.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be gone Sunday, December 3rd.

Unfinished Business:

-Service Groups: There are some service groups still in need of leaders. Please volunteer for your group.

-Real Hope for the Hungry: The food pack is Monday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. We need about 40 volunteers. Please sign up in the narthex if you can help.

-Projector and Screen: New screen and projector have been installed and are being used. Reports positive on it's use in worship. Thanks to Justin Gerber for volunteering his electrician skills.

New Business:

-Insurance: The council reviewed the insurance needs of our personal property.

-Donations: Motion by Millie, seconded by Tracy to donate \$500 to each Winona and Mankato Campus Ministries with funds to come from Janet Severson memorial. Also, to donate \$1000 to the Salvation Army, \$1000 to Real Hope for the Hungry for the food pack and \$500 to Lutheran Disaster Relief, with funds to come from meatball dinners. Carried.

December devotions will be given by Jan. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary





Christmas in the Barn

Sun. Dec. 12th at 6:00 pm

Kevin and Jill Sathre Farm

66765 140th St. Adams, MN

Go back to a simpler time with this unique ecumenical service, featuring a narration of the Christmas story, the Johnsbury choir leading us in familiar carols and hymns, and cookies, hot cocoa, and cider, all set in the rustic and cozy atmosphere of a barn.

A free-will offering will be taken for the Mower County Backpack Program.

Bundle up and bring the family!
All Are Welcome!