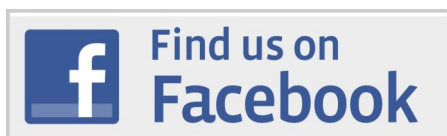


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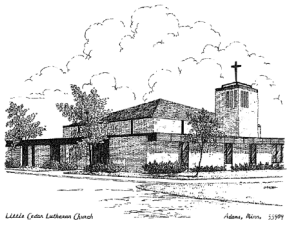
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Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly



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## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Waiting!

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

Every time since November, when the temperature drops, I have watched our son Abner - nine years old, move close to the window hoping to see snow coming down. And this year, he sighed many times, telling us how disappointed he was that the snow was late. I am sure most children look forward to that part of the year - snow, when they can put on their snow pants and run outside to build snowmen. I love winter too, but for a different reason. The last time I went sliding with the youth, I flipped over and nearly broke my hip. That was when I realized there had been changes in my body - that I was not as young as I once was. These changes come whether we admit them or not, whether we notice them or not. But I still love winter because it brings fresh air. The miracle of winter is that everything seems to go to sleep, even trees and bushes. Squirrels get a break from running around, and deer find a quiet place to stay warm - all waiting.

*That is what Advent is.* Advent is often described as a season of waiting. But Scripture presents a different kind of waiting, a waiting that sees what is broken and hopes for what God is bringing to life. Isaiah 11 looks at a landscape that felt cut down to a stump; politically, spiritually, and socially. Yet Isaiah dared to say that God was not finished. He speaks of a new shoot growing from that seemingly dead stump of Jesse. It is a sign that God brings renewal even when the present seems hopeless, or the future appears closed off. This new ruler, according to Isaiah, would not favor the powerful, but would defend the poor, confront what is harmful, and make room for genuine peace. Under his reign, predators and prey would dwell together, and children would play in places once thought unlivable. Isaiah imagines a world reordered around God's justice and peace, not human fear or self-interest. That is the kind of waiting Advent calls us into. The waiting that keeps our eyes open to small signs of renewal. The waiting that refuses to believe that decay or division have the final word. The waiting that trusts God can bring life out of what we fear is beyond repair.

As winter slows the world around us, this Advent invites us to slow our hearts just enough to notice what God is stirring. Watch, look closely, and see: where, even in the coldness of this season, both literal and spiritual, do we see a new shoot emerging?

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Emmanuel*



**December 3rd**

Marshall Council

**December 14th**

Marshall Christmas Program

**December 17th**

Little Cedar Council

**December 21st**

Little Cedar Christmas Program

**December 24th**

Christmas Eve Worship

Little Cedar 5:00pm

Marshall 7:00pm

**DECEMBER****2025****Sunday School Programs**

Marshall ~ December 14th @ 10:30am

Little Cedar ~ December 21st @ 9:00am

**Christmas Worship Schedule**

Wednesday \* Christmas Eve @ Little Cedar @ 5:00pm

Wednesday \* Christmas Eve @ Marshall 7:00pm



Christmas Eve

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

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

Shirley Schroeder ~ Del Sorgatz ~ Judy Johnson ~ Penny Kane  
Tami Heimer ~ Linda Ludwig ~ Mavis Wermager

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

**Baptism**

† Marshall: Axel Lee Chapek—Parents Adam &amp; Lisa

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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**Council Meetings for December**

Marshall Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 3rd @ 7:30pm  
  
Little Cedar Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 17th @ 7:30pm



**Looking Ahead**

Annual Meetings will be scheduled in January for both Little Cedar and Marshall be prepared to have your reports ready for the office.



Marshall Christmas Caroling  
and Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Potluck Dinner  
After Worship followed by Caroling.

  
**POTLUCK Dinner**



**Prayer Pals** will be meeting on  
Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @  
9:30am at Bubbles. If you are in-  
terested in joining, please call  
Joni.



**PASTOR EMMANUEL WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE  
DECEMBER 25TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND**

**November Little Cedar Service Group #4****Chairs: Dave & Millie Weness**

Scott &amp; Tammy McMasters

Russ &amp; Joanne Hamilton

Jacina Kiefer

Jim &amp; Connie Sathre

Nancy Smith

Tracy &amp; Angie Smith

Nancy Thalberg

June Hanson

Linda &amp; John Logsdon

Carol Matheis

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Vicki Kiefer

Joe Matheis

Heather Felten

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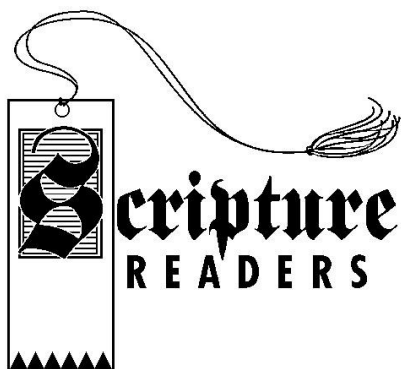
Cody &amp; Kathy Kirkpatrick

Maggie Weis

Katie Felten

**Communion Clean-Up**December 7<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**Deliver Meals on Wheels**December 15<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>  
(Not December 25<sup>th</sup>)**Coffee Hour**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
(Not December 7<sup>th</sup> – that is LYO)\*\*December 21<sup>st</sup> is

Christmas Program

**Serve any functions requested.****Little Cedar Readers****December 7—Carol Matheis****December 14—Youth****December 21—Christmas Program****December 28—Deb Fasbender****YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS****Confirmation News**

December 3rd—Regular Class—Meal, Foster Family

December 10th—Regular Class—Meal, Stout/Danielson Family

December 17th—Regular Class—Meal, Canterbury Family

December 24th—NO Class for Christmas Eve

**Marshall Sunday School News**Our Christmas Program is on December 14th  
during the 10:30am worship!**Little Cedar Sunday School News**Our Miracle in the Manger Christmas Program is on December 21st during 9am  
worship! We will practice on December 7th and 14th. See emails for details.

# Youth & Education News

## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*December 7—Usher: Harper, Greeter & Communion: Sophia
- \*December 14—Usher: Kallie, Greeter: Lane
- \*December 21—Christmas Program
- \*December 28—Usher: Sophie, Greeter: Lane



## Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- \*December 7—Usher: Adam, Communion: Addie
- \*December 14—Christmas Program
- \*December 21—Usher: Kenzie, Communion: Avery
- \*December 28—Usher: Aria

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*December 7—Henley
- \*December 14—Adrian
- \*December 21—Christmas Program
- \*December 28—Hayden

## Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

December 7—Avery

## Little Cedar Coffee Hour is December 7th



Lead Family—Tracy, Angie & JJ Smith  
Helper Family—Lauren Sorgatz family

## Little Cedar High School Christmas Program Help

December 21

Beau—Greeter

Mya—Usher

Addison—Usher

## Little Cedar Youth Sunday is December 14th

Ushers: JJ and Nolan

Readers: Justin and Addie



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



Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

**Pastor Emmanuel updates:**

- ☐ No Updates



**Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.**

- ☐ Total offering for October was \$2,270.00/\$340.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- ☐ November Cause of the Month offering will be for Gerard Academy
- ☐ Next month – December- Cause of the month will be for the Eagles Cancer Telethon.

Motion to accept reports from Kathy with a second from Lesley. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- ☐ The ark playground is completed! Lonny and Forrest are working on getting the mulch.
- ☐ Cory will test a gooseneck microphone, as well as find speakers for the basement and keep working on the sound issues.
- ☐ Kathy will ask what dates the Bishop has available to attend the 150th celebration to help us determine the date to set it for next year.
- ☐ Forrest will check with the township about getting crushed rock to help with the settling over the area where the culvert was replaced.

**New Business:**

- ☐ Salvation Army Meal will be on November 11th and we are looking for volunteers to help serve the meal.
- ☐ Carie submitted the Property Tax Exemption application through the county for both the church and the cemetery.
- ☐ Len, Gary and Jan are on the nominating committee for this year. Off council next year will be Kevin, Carie, Lonny and Amber.

Motion to adjourn from Rhonda with a second from Cory. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Amber Hanson, Marshall Council Secretary

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

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting was called to order by co-chairperson, Spencer. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Holly gave devotions. Present: Pastor Emmanuel, Jim Johnson, Tara Mandt, Joe Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Pat Sorenson, Jan Weness.

Absent: Lyndsey Hall.

**Council Minutes:** Motion by Holly, seconded by Bryce to accept the October minutes as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** After reviewal by the council, there was a motion by Jan, seconded by Pat to accept the report as printed. There is a concern that we are farther behind in offerings than usual for this time of the year. We are asking congregation members to remember the church in your contributions before the end of the year.

**Committee Reports:** There were no reports from specific committees. The council is busy with the work of the church.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Emmanuel submitted a written report attached to the minutes. He is very pleased with the warm welcome he has received and is impressed with how deeply the church community is rooted in and committed to the church. He has enjoyed working with the youth and has conducted services and visits with residents of Cedar Court and the sick.

**Old Business:** There are no final figures on the meatball dinner yet.

#### **New Business:**

-Sound System: Cory Grant from Marshall Church has been working with Tara to improve the recording and sound of our Sunday services. Motion by Joe, seconded by Tara, to proceed with the removal of part of the last pew on the south side to make space for a table to be used with a laptop during services for better control of the camera, screen and sound. Carried.

-Central Lutheran: There was discussion on whether we can continue our volunteering at Central Lutheran. The number of volunteers is down to very few. We may continue taking a load of donated clothing and household items if a volunteer will take them up to Minneapolis.

-Council Members: We will need replacements for retiring council members. Tara's three-year term is finished, but she has agreed to accept the secretary position, as Jan has resigned. Let the office know if you are interested in serving. It's a three year commitment to a once a month meeting and participation on one committee. It's a great way to learn about Little Cedar and all we do.

The December meeting is **Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.** Dixie volunteered to give devotions. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Jan Weness



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*