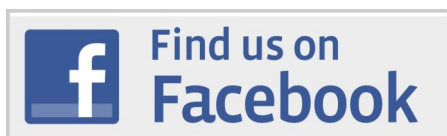


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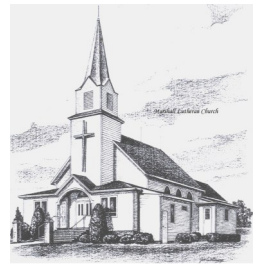
Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly



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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



~ Joshua 1:9 ~

⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches~

As I prepare to say goodbye after twelve years of ministry together, these verses from the book of Joshua have been on my heart. They come at a pivotal moment in Scripture. Moses had just died, and the leadership of God's people will now pass on to Joshua. The people are standing on the edge of something new and unknown, and God speaks clearly, "Be strong and courageous... for I am with you." This passage from Joshua feels fitting for both of us. Little Cedar and Marshall are preparing to venture into ministry with a new pastor. I'm beginning a new chapter as well as I walk alongside a new congregation and learning a whole bunch of new names. Over the years, I've come to believe that one of the most sacred parts of my calling as a pastor is to simply walk alongside people through joys and sorrows, celebrations and challenges. And we've done just that. We've baptized babies, buried beloved saints, confirmed youth, served our neighbors, gathered for meals, shared laughter, shed tears, and worshiped together week after week. In all of it, I've had the honor of walking beside you. We've shared holy moments together.

And now, you stand on the threshold of a new chapter. A new pastor will come. New ministries will grow. The path may not always be clear, but the promise remains. The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. I haven't shared this very much. I'm a bit of a Star Trek nerd, shhhh.... Something that comes to mind is the famous line from the opening of the series that says, "To boldly go where no one has gone before." It may be about space exploration, but I think it applies just as well to the Church. You're being called to go boldly, knowing that God is with you and ahead of you, preparing the way. Go boldly into the unknown with strength and courage. May the Lord go behind you, to encourage you, beside you, to befriend you, above you, to watch over you, beneath you, to lift you up, before you, to show the way, and within you, to give you the gifts of faith, hope, and love.

Thank you for letting me be part of your journey. Thank you for your trust, your faithfulness, your humor, your compassion, and your openness to God's work.

Thanks and blessings! *Pr. Jeremy*



June 4th

Marshall Council

June 16th—20th

Vacation Bible School

June 18th

Little Cedar Council

June 22ndPastor Jeremy's Last Worship
and Farewell Dinner**June 23rd and 24th**

Family VBS

July 2nd

Marshall Council Tentative

July 4thOffice Closed
Independence Day**July 18th**

Little Cedar Council Tentative

**Sunday, June 22nd****@ Little Cedar @ 4:00pm**

Please join us at Little Cedar for a Farewell to Pastor Jeremy.
There will be a light lunch and a short program.
Come wish him lots of Blessings in his new call at First Lutheran

 A decorative header for the prayer section. It features the words "IN OUR" in a small sans-serif font, flanked by two small floral sprigs. Below this, the words "Thoughts and Prayers" are written in a large, elegant script font.

*IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers*

♥**Prayers:** Those known to have been hospitalized, ill or in need of prayers:
Tony Johnson ~ Judy Johnson ~ Bev Vangsness ~ Penny Kane

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

JUNE AND JULY**2025**

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:

September - May

Marshall 9:30am and Little Cedar 10:00am

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It is also helpful for the rostered leader to share with the congregation the ethical boundaries regarding pastoral acts by former pastors and deacons. In the ELCA, there is a very clear understanding of these pastoral boundaries. These applies both to rostered leaders who accept another call and to those who retire. Once a rostered leader has left a call, that person *may not*:

- Do funerals for persons from the former congregation.
- Do weddings for persons from the former congregation.
- Interfere in the life, pastoral care or mission of that former congregation.
- Return to or engage in the life of the congregation.
- Retain membership with the congregation.

♥MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH♥
 "LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY"

WINONA

Loose change in offering plate
 goes to "Cause of the Month"

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A Time of Transition: Understanding the Call Process

With Pastor Jeremy's final Sunday on June 22nd, we now begin the ELCA's four phase call process to seek our new pastor. The joint council has already met with the synod to begin this journey together. This faithful and thoughtful process helps ensure that our congregation's needs are prayerfully and carefully considered every step of the way. Below, you'll find an overview of the process—so we can walk this path together with trust, transparency, and hope.

A Four Phase Process

The congregations of the SEMN Synod participate in a Four Phase Call Process.

Phase I: The Leave-taking/The Transition-time

At the point that a rostered leader announces that they are resigning their call at the congregation, a representative from the Office of the Bishop will meet with the congregational council to orient them to the call process. It is also at this time that information about transitional pastoral support is shared with the council in order that they might make the best decision about how the congregation and ministries will be cared for upon the departure of the current rostered leader. It is during this phase that a conversation is had regarding what it means for a rostered leader to leave well and the expectation to honor boundaries set forth by the ELCA between the congregation and the leaving rostered leader. This is also the time to celebrate the ministry that the rostered leader and the congregation have shared and the council forms and appoints the call committee.

Phase II: Self-Study Process and Ministry Site Profile Completion

In this phase, the call committee participates in an orientation facilitated by the assistant to the bishop. The call committee explores vision and ministry needs of the congregation by engaging the congregation in a self-study which may be accomplished through a variety of ways. The self-study leads to the completion of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which becomes an integral document shared with potential candidates as their first exposure to who your congregation is. After the MSP is completed and before it is officially submitted, a congregational town hall meeting may be held to review and comment on the MSP. This is attended by the Assistant to the Bishop in call process. After final edits are made to the MSP, it is submitted by the call committee on the ELCA website.

Phase III: Interviewing Candidates/Discerning the Candidate of Choice

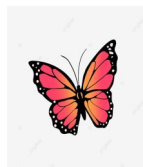
Once again, this phase begins with an orientation of the call committee. In the orientation the call committee will discuss its interview protocol, develop questions for candidates and prepare packets of information for candidates. It is also at this time that the call committee will elicit nominations of pastoral candidates from the congregation. When the call committee is ready to begin interviews, they will receive names of candidates from the Assistant to the Bishop in Call Process. The call committee engages in first interviews with each candidate that is presented to them. After the first interviews are completed, the call committee chairperson communicates with each candidate as to whether they will retain or release the candidate. The call committee engages in second interviews and gathers other information (including sermon and reference checks). The call committee discerns the candidate of choice and, with mutual consent from the candidate, presents the candidate of choice recommendation to congregation council. The congregation council sets the date for the special congregational call meeting.

Phase IV: Preparing for and Welcoming the New Pastor

The pastor, the council president and the Assistant to the Bishop coordinate a date for the installation of the new pastor. An Assistant to the Bishop will be present to perform the rite of installation. Congregation council and call committee plan activities to welcome the new pastor (and family) to the congregation and the community.

June Little Cedar Service Group #2

**Chairs: Ken & Becky Hartwig, John & Cindy Jax,
Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden**



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| Deb Fasbender | Linda Gilles |
| Lori & Brian Hill | Steve & Audrey Schroeder |
| Lilly & Mark Sorenson | Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz |
| Randy & Janet Stephenson | Del & Marge Sorgatz |
| Larry & Tammy Wilson | Gladys Morgan |
| Jim & Joni Osmundson | Pat Sorenson |
| Dorothy Triplett | Emily Billings & Jordan Harland |
| Megan Emanuel | Kate Wiste |
| Kayla Gilles | |

June 2025**Communion Clean-Up**

June 1st, 15th & 29th

Deliver Meals on Wheels

June 16th through 27th

Coffee Hour—NONE**Funeral**

June 6th

Pastor's Farewell Dinner

June 22nd

Serve any functions requested.

July Little Cedar Service Group #3

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



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| 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 |

July 2025**Communion Clean-Up**

July 6th & 20th

Deliver Meals on Wheels

July 14th through 25th

Coffee Hour

NONE

Memorial Service

July 26th

Serve any functions requested.

**Little Cedar Readers**

June 1—Bryce Nelson

June 8—Deb Fasbender

June 15—Carol Matheis

June 22—Jim Osmundson

June 29—Tara Mandt

Little Cedar Readers

July 6—John Logsdon

July 13—John Mueller

July 20—Joni Osmundson

July 27—Kern Hall



Congratulations to our 2025 Graduating Seniors

Little Cedar

Adelyn Marie Kiefer (Parents Jacina and Chad)



Adelyn plans to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato where she will major in Elementary Education and minor in Psychology. She hopes to be an elementary teacher. Her favorite high school memories are from riding the bus to away golf meets and her favorite church memory is holding up the tiles as part of the Mass Gathering cast at the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans during last summer's Youth Gathering.

Abigail Eunice Sorgatz (Parents Carrie and Kurt)

Abby plans to attend Winona State University, majoring in Exercise Science-Athletic Training. Her favorite high school memories are from all the school trips she got to take and her favorite church memory is from the Confirmation Lock-in, when they tried to carry the chair Bryson was sleeping in out of the room!

Marshall

Micah Paul Johnson (Parents Jeremy and Sandy)



Micah plans to attend Iowa State University to study Aerospace Engineering. He hopes to work in the aerospace industry building rockets. His favorite high school memory is winning State Robotics and his favorite church memory is hanging out in the dungeon during the St. Louis Youth trip.

Bryson James Kellogg (Parents Amanda and Ed)

Bryson will be attending Iowa State University this fall, majoring in Ag Business and then plans to return back to this area. His favorite high school memories are all the fun things he did with his friends and his favorite church memory is the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans last summer.



Ella Claire Mensink (Parents Karina and Len)

Ella plans to attend Iowa State University to study Business Analytics. After college she hopes to work as a Project Manager. Her favorite high school memories are from the band trip to Disney World, especially getting to spend a whole week with her friends and her favorite church memory is from the Youth trip to St. Louis—staying up all night watching movies, listening to music, and talking; even though Tara and PJ told them to go to sleep at a reasonable time!

Little Cedar and Marshall Churches wish you all the best as you start a new adventure in your journey! We hold you and your families in our prayers!

Confirmation

Congratulations to our 2025 Confirmation Students

Little Cedar

Adeline Jody Marie Matheis *Parents ~ Joe Matheis and Kristina Hogan *Mentor ~ Sam Mueller

Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord is with you wherever you go.”

Taya Yvonne Mergen *Parents ~ Sarah and Kyle Mergen *Mentor ~ Haley Laack

Luke 6:27-28 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

Addison Kay Sathre *Parents ~ Jill and Kevin Sathre *Mentor ~ Brenda Landherr

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

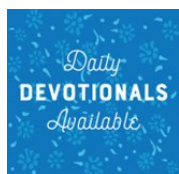
Audrey Ruth Stroup *Parents ~ Jon and Laura Stroup *Mentor ~ Kerry Stroup

Proverbs 3:5-7 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not depend on your own understanding, seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Marshall

Brandt Edward Kellogg *Parents ~ Amanda and Ed Kellogg *Mentor ~ Jane Boe

Romans 8:11 “The same power that raised Christ from the dead is living in you.”



The July, August, September
edition of
“Christ In Our Home”
daily devotionals are now
available at both churches.

Quilts sent to LWR from both
Little Cedar and Marshall quilting groups.

♥Total of 130 Quilts♥
Amazing work ladies!!!!

Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help

We are looking for some items for our Vacation Bible School! Road Trip—On the Go with God! Please consider helping us cut costs and make a memorable week for our Youth.

Please bring all the items you want to donate or borrow to us before June 10th (sooner if you wish!) and mark anything you want returned.

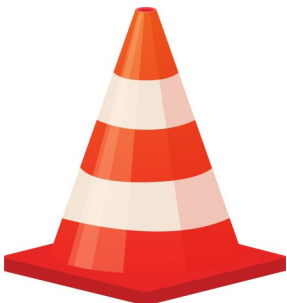
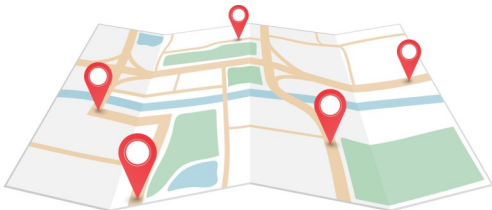
- Maps
- Atlases
- Wrapping Paper
- Baby Rattles
- 12 oz. Plastic Cups
- Anything Road Trip Theme!
- Safety Cones



We will also accept any monetary donations you are willing to make!

The list below corresponds with the postcards displayed on the bulletin board at Little Cedar. Please take the postcard listing the item you want to donate and mark your name on the sheet accordingly. These items can be brought in by Tuesday, June 10th (or sooner). **Thank you in advance for your help.**

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| Whiteboard markers 4-pack | Green Cardstock | Garden Veggie Cream Cheese |
| Notecards - lined | Red Cardstock | Carrot sticks |
| Blue Painters Tape | Glue | Rice Chex |
| 16 or 18 oz plastic cups | Glue sticks | Cheerios |
| Green crepe paper streamers | 7-inch plates | Raisins |
| Yellow sticky notes | Double-sided tape | Cheez its |
| Variety sticky notes | Flatbread dippers | Bagel chips |
| Yellow Cardstock | (Naan) | Bugels |
| White Cardstock | Original Pretzel Crisps | Mini chocolate-covered donuts |
| | Ranch Vegetable Dip | |



Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Lyndsey Hall, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Jim Johnson, Tara Mandt, Joe Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Dixie Rose, Pat Sorenson, Jan Weness. Absent: Bryce Nelson. The meeting was called to order by co-chair Spencer.

The Mission Statement was read in unison.

Devotions were given by Lyndsey.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Holly, seconded by Pat to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Correspondence: A thank you from Sherrie Voigt was read thanking the church for sending a series of booklets on grief.

Treasurer's Report: Lyndsey reviewed the report. It was noted that the church is behind several thousand dollars in offerings compared to last year. Congregational members are reminded to please continue to continue giving offerings to Little Cedar during the summer months. Motion by Jan, seconded by Joe to approve the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Education: Tara reported that VBS is in three weeks. She is looking for more help for that week. Her wish list is posted at the church.

-Finance: The shared expense report was reviewed.

-Life and Missions: A luncheon for members over 80 and guests was served Wednesday, May 21. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

-Worship and Music: The congregation will use the service in WOV for the summer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's last Sunday leading worship will be June 22. There will be pulpit supply on June 29. Hopefully we will have an interim pastor by July 1.

Old Business:

-New member brunch: The brunch has been moved to next fall.

New Business:

-Joint Council: There will be a joint council meeting Wednesday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Little Cedar. The councils will meet with a Synod representative to determine our next steps in hiring an interim pastor and future full-time pastor.

-Farewell gathering for Pastor Jeremy and family: There will be a farewell gathering on Sunday, June 22, at 4:00 p.m. in the Little Cedar Fellowship Hall.

The next Little Cedar council meeting will be Wednesday, **June 18, at 7:30 p.m.** Devotions will be led by Pastor Jeremy. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary



Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

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| Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President. | |
| Pastor Jeremy updates: <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy opened with a devotional reading. <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy's last Sunday with us will be June 22nd . <input type="checkbox"/> A joint council meeting will be held May 28th at 7:00pm at Little Cedar with the Synod to discuss next steps on getting an interim Pastor. | |
| Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed. <input type="checkbox"/> Total offering for April was \$4,156.00/\$647.13 for the Cause of the Month. <input type="checkbox"/> May Cause of the Month offering will be for The Landing <input type="checkbox"/> Next month – June- Cause of the month will be for Lutheran Campus Ministry of Winona. Motion to accept reports from Lesley with a second from Cory. Motion carried. | |
| Old Business: <input type="checkbox"/> Forrest will talk to Lonny to see if he is still interested in building the playground <input type="checkbox"/> The quote came in from D & E Carpet on how much it would be to replace the carpet on the front steps. Motion was made to proceed with replacing the carpet from Cory with a second from Lesley. Motion carried. <input type="checkbox"/> Cory will move the audio rack from the back of the church to the Pastor's room to help with some of the audio issues we have been experiencing. <input type="checkbox"/> We trialed the TV at Marshall for a few weeks. We will return the current TV to Little Cedar. We are going to pause on moving forward with installing a TV until we know more about who our new Pastor will be . | |
| New Business: <input type="checkbox"/> No new business was discussed. | |
| Motion to adjourn from Lesley with a second from Cory. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. | |

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

