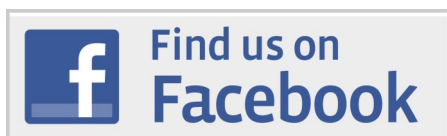


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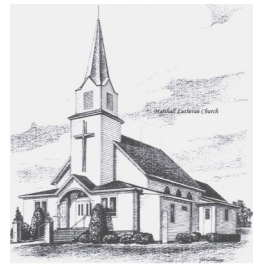
Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly



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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



"Rejoice in the Lord always... Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God". Philippians 4:4-6

Thank you for welcoming me to Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran!

It has been amazing to meet your staff, council members and share my first Sunday with you. I am eager to get to know you and witness the good things God is doing among you. I am struggling more than I would like as I get back to the creative work I love. It seems my mind needs to find its way again after a winter and spring of rest, recovery and healing. I had experienced some severe side effects and allergic reactions to medications in my "life after cancer" journey. Fear and anxiety loomed large for me. Caring conversations with two older friends who had experienced similar detours in life helped. Writing gratitude lists helped. Attending worship and receiving cards with prayers or blessings made a difference. In Jesus, the puzzle pieces of life come together. When Jesus finds you and your heart and life make room for God, **peace** and **hope** overcome fear and despair. **Jesus is with us.** When we live connected to Jesus, we find true peace and love. We trust that Jesus has made a home for us with God and forgives our failures. There are still problems, but Jesus at our side changes their power. Isn't it awesome to have a Savior that suffers with us, rejoices with us and desires that we turn away from worrying about how it will all turn out, and instead turn toward the needs of others? Then life opens up. You trust you **count** with Jesus and have a purpose. You matter. God created you in God's image and has given you a purpose. When I know I count with Jesus, I cannot treat you as if you don't count. **We** are children of God, joint heirs with Christ to all the goodness of God's kingdom. We gather in worship, fellowship, and acts of service that we may grow closer to God and one another. I learned this winter that God doesn't waste our struggle. I am excited to keep growing in my faith in Christ as I share ministry with you.

In Christ, Pastor Jolene



August 6th
Marshall Council

August 20th
Little Cedar Council

Looking Ahead

Sept. 7th
Rally Sunday
Backpack Blessing

Sept. 17th
Confirmation Starts

LWR KITS

It's time to start shopping for:



School Kits

Personal Care Kits



Baby Care Kits

Sewing Kits



Instructions on what each kit needs to contain and how to assemble them are in the entryway at both Little Cedar and Marshall.



AUGUST

2025

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

♥**Prayers:** Those known to have been hospitalized, ill or in need of prayers:
Art Osmundson ~ Penny Kane ~ David Friesenborg (Brother of Pat Sorenson)
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 or let Pastor Jolene know.

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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Welcome

Pastor Jolene Knudson-Hanse

A little about me: I grew up on a farm 30 minutes west of Grand Forks, ND. My Dad's parents lived a mile from us and were very influential to me and my brother. My husband James and I met at Northwestern College in Orange City, IA and married in 1999. He grew up near Holland, MI and we enjoy traveling there to visit his large family. James works as a lab technician for Mayo in the Marvin building in NW Rochester. We have four sons, ages 7, 17, 19 and 22. Our oldest is a recent UND grad in mechanical engineering and is working in Bismarck, ND. Caleb (19) finished his first year at St. Olaf and is interested in health professions. He is working at the Spring Valley Care Center this summer and sharing time with friends and his family. Jonas (17) will be a senior at Stewartville High School this fall and is a great soccer player, Lego builder, wood worker and pizza maker (his job). Isaac (7) loves playing with his brothers, reading, playing outside, playing Minecraft, and will be a 2nd grader at Kingsland this fall.

This is my 4th call. We were in Eastern North Dakota for 17 years at 2 different calls- Zion and South Trinity in rural Hoople and Grafton, and Faith Lutheran in Valley City. We came to SEMN in June of 2021 to serve at Our Savior's in Spring Valley. Believing that God has more in store for us than we can ask or imagine, you and I are trying a new ministry thing called **BRIDGE to SETTLED**. I will function as your Interim pastor the next 12 months and then we will discern together what God plans are.

In Christ,
Pastor Jolene

August Little Cedar Service Group #4

Chairs: Dave & Millie Weness and Scott & Tammy McMasters

Russ & Joanne Hamilton	June Hanson
Jacina Kiefer	John & Linda Logsdon
Chris & Cathy Roser	Carol Matheis
Jim & Connie Sathre	Pam & Steve Bamrick
Nancy Smith	Vicki Kiefer
Tracy & Angie Smith	Joe Matheis
Nancy Thalberg	Heather Felten
Lindsey & Shane Hanson	Cody & Kathy Kirkpatrick
Maggie Weis	Katie Felten

August 2025

Communion Clean-Up
August 3rd, 17th & 31st

Deliver Meals on Wheels
August 11th through 22nd

Coffee Hour—NONE

Serve any functions requested.

Little Cedar Readers

August 3—Sam Mueller

August 10—Tara Mandt

August 17—Millie Weness

August 24—Carol Matheis

August 31—Deb Fasbender

Council Meetings for August

Marshall Council Meeting
Weds., Aug. 6th @ 7:00pm

Little Cedar Council Meeting
Weds. Aug. 20th @ 7:00pm

Please note change of time!!!!

* **A Modest Proposal!** *

* Churches where they let you bring *

* coffee into the sanctuary or even *

* more so if they actually serve coffee *

* should never, ever have a service *

* that lasts more than an hour. And *

* that's pushing it. *



Janitor Wanted

Marshall is looking to hire a Janitor soon.
Please contact the church office for more in-
formation.

507-582-3185

Youth & Education News

Thank You for a Wonderful VBS!

A huge thank-you to all the kids, families, helpers, leaders, and those who donated supplies, snacks, and support! *Road Trip: On the Go with God* was a joyful journey filled with faith, fun, and friendship—and we couldn't have done it without you. Your time, generosity, and prayers made a lasting impact!

Little Cedar & Marshall News—Save the Date

September 7th—Backpack Blessing



Little Cedar Sunday School News—Save the Date—Watch for Details

September 7th—Rally Sunday and some fun after worship as well.

Regular Classes begin on Sunday, September 14th.



Confirmation News—Save the Date

September 10th—Parent/Student Meeting (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade)—6:30pm

September 17th—Class Starts



Youth Group News—Save the Date

September 14th—Senior High Meeting

September 21st—Junior High Meeting



Our New Bishop



PHOENIX — The Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected July 30 to serve a six-year term as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly being held July 28–Aug. 2 at the Phoenix (Ariz.) Convention Center.

Curry was elected on the fifth ballot. There were 799 votes cast, with 400 votes needed for an election. Curry received 562 votes, and the Rev. Kevin Strickland, bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod, received 237 votes. Curry is the first Black presiding bishop of the ELCA.

Speaking to the assembly after his election, Curry reflected on his membership at Shekinah Chapel in Riverdale, Ill., where he eventually became a lay mission developer while he participated in the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries program, which prepares individuals for ordained ministry in the ELCA, with a focus on emerging ministry contexts like ethnic-specific, multicultural, rural and inner-city settings. He spoke to the assembly about his initial hesitation in accepting that first ministry role.

“Perhaps I’m out there in one of you,” Curry said. “I never saw myself as good enough, so for two years, I said no. I finally said yes. When I said yes, your support, this church’s support, of that ministry meant everything. So if you want to know what your benevolence dollars look like, it looks like me, and I want to say thank you. Thank you for your investment.”

Curry has served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod since 2019. He previously served as mission developer (2009-2012) and pastor (2012-2019) of Shekinah.

He received a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in 1995 and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) in 2013. LSTC is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

The churchwide assembly, the chief legislative authority of the ELCA, is meeting under the theme “For the Life of the World.” The assembly will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They will also spend time in worship and engage in various ways of theological reflection.



Minutes – respectfully submitted, Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

Pastor Jeremy updates:

- ☐ Paster read us a devotion from Hebrews Chapter 4 to start the meeting.
- ☐ VBS is the week of June 16th – 20th with around 40 kids registered.
- ☐ Pastor Jeremy's last Sunday with us is June 22nd . June 29th we will have Cindy Eversole as Pulpit Supply.
- ☐ Pastor led his last nursing home service this week. Pastor Matt Ryan will cover for him during the week of VBS.



Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.

- ☐ Total offering for May was \$11,730.00/\$406.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- ☐ June Cause of the Month offering will be for the Lutheran Campus Ministry of Winona.
- ☐ Next month – July - Cause of the Month – Southland Angel Fund.
- ☐ August Cause of the Month will be for Salvation Army.

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

Old Business:

- ☐ Forrest will talk to Lonny to see if he is still interested in building the playground.
- ☐ Council looked at carpet options and decided on the colors. Tricia will talk to D and E Carpets and get the carpet ordered. Forrest will work to fix the floor before the new carpet is installed.
- ☐ 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.

New Business:

- ☐ Council will plan to meet in July this year on the regularly scheduled date.
- ☐ June 22nd will be Pastor Jeremy's celebration at Little Cedar at 4:00pm.
- ☐ There will be a meeting held on June 12th at Little Cedar at 6:30pm to meet with the potential Pastor candidate.
- ☐ Next year will be the 150 th Anniversary celebration of the church. We will ask for volunteers In church to form a committee to start making plans for the celebration.

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

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

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, July 17, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Pastor Jolene Knudson Hanse, Jim Johnson, Tara Mandt, Holly Meyer, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Pat Sorenson, Jan Weness. Absent: Lyndsey Hall, Ethan Heard, Joe Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden.

The meeting was called to order by Holly. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Tara.

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

Treasurer's Report: There was no report to review.

Committee Reports: Tara reported that she is preparing for fall Sunday School.

The council reviewed the shared expense report.

Old Business:

-Tech Help - Motion by Jan, seconded by Pat that Little Cedar pay a student or person to provide tech help for \$25 per Sunday during worship services. Carried.

New Business:

-Landscaping – Bryce volunteered to contact Jason Weis about the landscape on the west side of our buildings after the daycare closes.

-Daycare update – Emily Billings sent a message thanking Little Cedar for the opportunity to continue the daycare in our building for the last year. She will vacate our building by the end of August and relocate to her home in the country.

-Endowment Fund – Jan reviewed the Endowment Fund and how it was set up in the mid 90's. The finance committee will review it further and come to the council with a recommendation on how we continue with it.

The next meeting is Wednesday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. Jan will give devotions. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary



Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Topics	
Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.	
Pastor updates: <input type="checkbox"/> We had a joint council meeting prior to our July council meeting where we made a motion to hire Pastor Jolene Knudson-Hanse as our Bridge to Settled Pastor. Her start date will be July 15th and her first Sunday of worship will be July 20th .	
Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed. <input type="checkbox"/> Total offering for June was \$7,545.72/ \$535.00 for the Cause of the Month. <input type="checkbox"/> July Cause of the Month offering will be for Southland Angel Fund. <input type="checkbox"/> Next month – August - Cause of the month will be for Salvation Army. Motion to accept reports from Kathy with a second from Cory. Motion carried.	
Old Business: <input type="checkbox"/> Lonny is still looking into playground options. <input type="checkbox"/> Tricia talked to D and E Carpets and got the carpet ordered. Forrest will work to fix the floor before the new carpet is installed. <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 have a few people that have volunteered for a committee for the 150th Anniversary celebration of the church, which will be next year	
New Business: <input type="checkbox"/> No new business was discussed.	
Motion to adjourn from Rhonda with a second from Lesley. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.	

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	
Kevin Hanson	X	Cory Grant	X	Kathy Voigt	X

