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# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



## March 2021



### Ephesians 4:1-13

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

### Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

On Sunday's when we pray together, one of the prayers that is frequently used is for the church. The prayer is not just for our church, but also for the whole Christian church. We pray that the whole church in every place and time will be built up and enlivened in their mission. Also, that we may care and love one another in faithful unity. The church works better when we support, encourage, and care for each other.

You may have heard that we are taking on a new adventure around here. St. John's will be hiring a pastoral intern, who will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Her name is Marcia Pederson and she lives just on the other side of Austin. She is a student in her final year at Luther Seminary. In the coming weeks there will be more opportunities to get to know her more. I will serve as her supervisor during her yearlong internship. Marcia's primary responsibility will be to St. John's, but we will share in some ministries together for the mutual benefit of the congregations and to give her a more rounded internship experience.

This will be a great opportunity to grow in faith, join together mission, and take on an adventure. It will make for great opportunities for sharing resources that allows for us to strengthen overall ministry to the youth, congregations, and community. I look forward to the new opportunities and even challenges that this will present. I love seeing people work together to lift one another up. It is amazing to see people join together in order to enliven the mission of the church and combine forces in order to serve the greater church and in sharing the good news of Christ. If you see her around in the coming months, please give her a warm welcome!

Blessings during your Lenten Journey!

*Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**March 3rd**  
Marshall Council

**March 17th**  
Little Cedar Council

**March 28th**  
1st Communion



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**Lenten Wednesday Worship**

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm @ Little Cedar

*worship  
WITH US*

We will be having in person Worship Services every Wednesday during Lent.

Some changes will need to be made to make sure everyone stays safe.

1. We will have every service at Little Cedar due to them having the most space for us to follow the social distancing rules for COVID.
2. We will again be performing a different Skit each Weds.
3. There will be **NO** Soup Suppers.
4. Please remember to wear your mask.
5. Hand sanitizer and masks are available.

Offering will be collected for the Youth Gathering in 2022!

\*\*\*\*\*Services will be recorded and available online each week.\*\*\*\*\*

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

- Katherine Immeker (Pat Hinz Mother)
- Larry Smith (Father of Tracy Smith)
- Maverick Thalberg (Grandson of Nancy Thalberg)
- Larry Meyer (Brother-in-law) of Shirley Thome
- Jerry & Jackie Johnson (Pastor Jeremy's Parents)
- Mavis Klaut~Terry Emanuel~Judy Johnson~Curt Lewison~Gloria Mallory



**Funerals @ Little Cedar**

Curt Hamilton

**Baptisms @ Marshall**

Rylan Anne Hanson ~ Parents Jordon & Amber Hanson

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

**COVID Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm**

**Sunday Worship:** Little Cedar 9:00am Marshall 10:30am  
**Sunday School:** September - May Little Cedar 10:00am and Marshall 9:30am

Senior Pastor	Jeremy Johnson	pastorjeremylcm@gmail.com
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Youth & Education Director	Tara Mandt	taramandt1cm@gmail.com
Day Care Director	Kate Wiste	lccdaycare14@gmail.com



February is a short month, but it seemed extra short this year. It flew by! We met Hank the Heart and celebrated Valentine's Day. We made sugar cookies and decorated them with frosting and sprinkles. The kids made card holders out of milk jugs. We had unicorns and princesses to Jesus and polar bears! We used a lot of pink this month as that was our color we learned about. We talked about Black history month, Groundhog's Day and President's Day. We watched Phil the Groundhog check for his shadow. The kids thought it was pretty neat! We explored Belgium for our Around the World part of the curriculum. Made owls for "O", penguins for "P", quilts for "Q". Our community helper was the dentist. We sent home charts to keep track of brushing in the morning and again before bed. We haven't been able to get outside too much lately because it has been so crazy cold!! Hopefully we are done with that and enjoy the snow before it melts away. I think Spring is right around the corner. At least I hope so!!

*Kate Wiste ~*

Little Cedar Daycare Director



**COVID NEWS**

Changes that have been made to help keep our members and community safe.

If in the building, you **must wear a mask.**

Rental of the Fellowship Hall for Showers, Reunions, Scouts and Girl Scouts, 4-H etc. will be required to read and sign a **NEW** contract for using the building. **Masks must be worn at all times.** A fee of \$25 will be added for the extra sanitizing that will have to be done after your group leaves the building.

**Office Hours:**

Monday & Tuesday 9am to 4pm

Closed Wednesday

Thursday & Friday 9am to 4pm



**Cause of the Month for March**

**Marshall**

"Link"

Teen Homeless Program

**Little Cedar**

"Personal Care Kits"

Little Cedar & Marshall ~ LWR Kit Totals

Quilts ~ 171

School Kits ~ 75

Personal Care Kits ~ 10

Baby Care Kits ~ 14

Sewing Kits ~ 1

Thank you to all who donated items, made quilts, assembled kits, packed boxes, or delivered loads to Minneapolis. Your work and time are very much appreciated and I am sure many are thankful for these Kits.



**Little Cedar Sunday School**

We will continue to discuss what is best for Sunday School weekly.

**Little Cedar & Marshall  
Senior High Youth Group**

We miss being able to gather as a group. Stay tuned to text messages for plans for March. We are looking at a social distancing movie & pizza night.

**Confirmation News**

Stay tuned to your email and text messages for Confirmation updates. Things are constantly changing.

Things are all different for Lent this year. Check your emails to stay up-to-date.

Mark your calendars!

Confirmation Sunday is May 2nd.

**Congratulations to our 4th Grader Students who will receive their  
First Communion this year on Palm Sunday, March 28th!**

**At Little Cedar**

**Adeline Matheis**—Parents Joe Matheis and Kristina Matheis

**Taya Mergen**—Parents Sarah & Kyle Mergen

**Addison Sathre**—Parents Jill & Kevin Sathre

**Audrey Stroup**—Parents Laura & Jon Stroup

**At Marshall**

**Brandt Kellogg**—Parents Amanda & Ed Kellogg

Classes will be at Little Cedar at 5:30pm (March 3rd through March 24th). Parents—Please check your emails for updates and changes due to Covid-19. We are still discussing plans for bread and banner making on Saturday, March 27th.





The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom.** Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Vicki Kiefer. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Carol Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Pastor read the responsibilities of council and did installation of council members and gave a prayer for all installed.

**Election of Officers for 2021:** Carol nominated John Jax for president of the council, seconded by Jan. Spencer volunteered to be co-chair. Motion by Millie, seconded by Carol, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees. Carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Millie, seconded by Carol to accept the report as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie reviewed the report. Motion by Spencer, seconded by Jan to approve the report as printed. Carried.

-Motion by Jan, seconded by Spencer to spend up to \$1,500 from the Lucille Hanson fund for teacher salaries and supplies for weekday school for the year 2021, and to roll over the CD from Lucille for another year. Carried. FYI: Lucille gave a generous gift in her will to Little Cedar for busing for the weekday program. We no longer have to bus students, so it was decided to spend her gift on the weekday religious release program.

-A Lenten challenge was given to all congregations for the Lenten season to give \$1 per member to go to our Synod Companions for direct support, education, health care and hunger relief. Motion by Jan, seconded by Carol to give \$400 from the Jan Severson memorial to SE MN Synod for the Lenten challenge. Carried.

-Motion by Nancy, seconded by Carol to give LYO \$1000 for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and \$1000 to Good Earth Village from the lutefisk funds. Carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building:** The stained glass will be installed in the narthex windows soon.

**Daycare:** Kate reported to the committee that the daycare will be receiving two more monthly grants for COVID relief from the county. Daycare will pay for installation of covered storage in the hallway by the daycare.

**Personnel:** All staff contracts for 2021 have been signed with salary changes beginning Feb. 1.

**Youth and Education:** The youth will be starting fund raising for the National Youth Gathering in 2022.

### **Outstanding Business:**

-**St. John's Elkton:** Pastor has met Marsha Peterson, the intern who will be serving St. John's. She will start on March 1. The committee from the LC, Marshall and St. John's will meet to make a written agreement for the year.

-Motion by Spencer, seconded by Carol to have a drive by meatball dinner on Sunday, April 11, and to give 50% of the proceeds to the LYO to be used for the youth gathering in 2022. Carried. The youth will be asked to help with the meal.

### **New Business:** None

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 17, after Lenten services. Carol will give devotions. Personal Care Kits will be focus for Lent. Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, *Jan Weness*

To be approved at the next council meeting in March.



Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.
<p><i>Pastor Jeremy updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will visit with St. John's tomorrow night to complete Internship application in preparation for submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Internship committee to begin meeting late February—Tricial Kulow, JoAnn Hamilton and 4-6 members from St. John's</li> <li>◦ Council members, Len and Gary, to assist with development of contractual agreement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Confirmation currently being held via Zoom.</li> <li>• Lenten Services—Ash Wednesday services to be held at Little Cedar.</li> </ul> <p>For social distancing purposes, Council endorses if LC is agreeable to all Lenten Services taking place in Adams.</p>
<p>Secretary's and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total offering for January \$5,600.00/\$65.00 COM/Salvation Army</li> <li>• February Cause of the Month will be for Ronald McDonald House</li> </ul> <p>Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Gib. Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes to current COVID action plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if school goes back to the online learning Council will revisit in-person services</li> <li>- Annual meeting in person without meal with offering virtual option if needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sabbatical Application process—Len, Dawn, Connie Sathre and Earl Orvik to meet in February and assist with documents.</li> <li>• St. John's, Marshall, Little Cedar meeting—St. John's would like to move forward with shared ministry.</li> <li>• Stain Glass windows—recommendation to remove window and rebuild. Since windows are supported by storm may caulk and revisit in the future if needed.</li> <li>• Carie to join Finance committee. Second finance committee and one Personnel Committee are needed— pending . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Can be any congregation member</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council nominates Len Mensink as Chairman and Gary Kulow as vice Chairman. Darrel makes a motion that nominations cease. Group endorses by vote members as nominated.</li> <li>• Salvation Army dinner to be provided this week. Tricia/Gary to submit receipts after the event.</li> <li>• WELCA to provide for a second, small, light-weight vacuum for basement cleaning in the future.</li> </ul>
<p>Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Kevin. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.</p> <p><i>Dawn Kiefer</i>—Secretary Marshall Council</p>

