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October 2020

Philippians 4

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

GREETINGS MARSHALL AND LITTLE CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCHES,

School is in session!! Well, sort of... Another school year is upon us, but it will certainly look different this year. Everything looks different this year. I'm guessing many of you are getting worn out from all of this. It has been a long haul and it's not done yet. Many of you may feel frustration, fatigue, anger, and sadness.

Philippians is a pretty awesome book. If you've never read it, please do. Best of all, it is only 4 chapters long. My kind of book. ☐ Philippians is all about perseverance in the face of challenges. Imagine the apostle Paul who has faced suffering, persecution and imprisonment, and now finds himself in prison once again. Here he is in prison speaks out in joy, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Paul went through challenges for years. But through all of this, Paul continues to speak truth, do the right thing, and gives praise and joy to God. We are a broken people. We don't have the strength alone. But through Christ, we are given strength to continue living with joy and hope. It is only through him. As Paul says, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Peace, Pr. Jeremy

*It's not the seven times that you fall down that matters,
it's the one time you get up.*



Peace, *Pr. Jeremy*

Important Dates

October 4th
Confirmation Sunday

October 7th
Marshall Council

October 21st
Little Cedar Council

October 25th
First Communion Sunday



OCTOBER

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 100:1

*******Meatball DriveThru Dinner*******

Little Cedar Lutheran Church ~ Adams, MN 55909

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Pick-up time ~ 3:30 to 6:30pm

Menu:

Swedish Meatballs & Gravy ~ Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable ~ Cranberries ~ Lefse ~ Dessert

Due to restrictions for COVID we have had to make changes for our Annual Dinner. We are going to have a Meatball (Drive Thru) Dinner held at Little Cedar Lutheran Church in Adams, Minnesota. You won't even have to get out of your car! Just Drive-up place your order and we will bring it out to you.

A Free Will Donation will be collected



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

Curt Lewison ~ Rick Hinz ~ Lahoma Retterath ~ Tim Dahle ~ Jim Bustad ~ Sharon Osmundson ~ Wayne Underdahl ~ Larry Nerison ~ Larry Croker ~ Pastor Wayne Quibell Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klautd ~ Terry Emanuel ~ Dan Morgan ~ Alice Koball ~ Ramona Hanson ~ Mel Thome

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

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Don't underestimate the power of hand washing! The few seconds you spend at the sink could save you from a trip to the doctor's office." This has been our quote for the month of September as we learned the right techniques for washing our hands and when the important times to do so are. We have also started our curriculum!! It feels so great to get back to a somewhat normal routine. We learned how to draw circles and different foods that were blue. We celebrated the first day of fall by checking out different colored leaves and reading about Johnny Appleseed. For our crafts, we made an acorn for the letter A, bee puppet for the letter B, and a cat for the letter C. We are taking donations for aerosol disinfectant if anyone has any laying around or see an abundance in stores. It would be greatly appreciated

Little Cedar Daycare



Cause of the Month for October
Marshall & Little Cedar



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

COVID NEWS

Who would have thought we would still be dealing with this in such an intense way 5 months into it. Do to COVID we have lots of restrictions of course that had to be added to our daily lives. Here is a update on new changes that have been made to help keep our members and community safe.

1. There will be no "Coffee Hour" in October.
2. If in the building you **must wear a mask.**
3. We will continue with outdoor worship for as long as weather allows.
4. LC -9AM ~ M-10:30AM



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.

Note that changes may need to be made, updates added, once Sunday school and Confirmation start.

POP CAN PICKUP:

The wagon will be in Little Cedars Parking Lot on Sat. Oct. 24th thru Sun., Oct. 25th

Money raised will go to Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.



CHRIST IN OUR HOME
DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR
OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER ~ DECEMBER
Are available at both Little Cedar and Marshall

The **Senior High Youth Group** held their September meeting on Sunday, September 20th at 6pm at the Adams Park. We had election of officers and discussed our calendar & plan for the year.

The officers for 2020-2021 are:

President—Olivia Matheis

Vice President—Eli Wolff

Secretary—Kelsey Mensink

Treasurer—Avery Medgaarden



Covid will make things difficult this year but we are going to try! Our October meeting will be some sort of fall fun, Covid rules permitting. We ended the meeting with a fun game.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Mensink

Secretary

The **Junior High Youth Group** meet on Sunday, September 27th at 6pm at the Adams Park. With Covid restrictions we talked about plans and wishes for the year and played some games. We hope to get together a few more times throughout the year if we can.

Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmation Class! They will be Confirmed on October 4th.

At Little Cedar:

Coltan Bryan

Cody Krull

Brad Lagerstedt

Gavin Mergen

Hope Stephens

Riley Walerak

At Marshall:

Jessie Hanson

Julia Kiefer

Little Cedar Sunday School Schedule for October

October 4th—NO Class

October 11th—Regular Class

October 18th—Regular Class

October 25th—NO Class



We will plan to be outside as best we can but will move class inside if weather turns bad.

Watch for emails on instructions.

First Communion Class Schedule

All classes will be at Little Cedar at 4pm on Wednesday, October 7th, 14th and 21st at 4pm.

First Communion Sunday is October 25th.

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Little Cedar Student:

Lauren Sorgatz

Marshall Students:

James Heimer

Alyssa Himebaugh



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2020

Little Cedar

Sara Lynn Conroy will be entering the workforce this fall. Her favorite high school memory is her Junior Prom where she went with her best friend, Hallie Bergene, and had a really good time at Air Insanity. Her favorite church memory is when Senior High LYO went rock climbing in Rochester.

Dawson Thomas Gilson plans to be a plumber for New Line Mechanical. His favorite high school memory is being able to put a plaque in the trophy case for baseball! His favorite church memory is building forts on the bus trip to Houston for the 2018 Youth Gathering!

Carter Eugene Johnson is attending the University of Wisconsin-River Falls this fall. His favorite high school memory is being the 2019-2020 Football District champs. His favorite church memories are all the Lock-ins and having fun messing around at Confirmation!

Noah Philip Lamp is attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to play football and study wildlife conservation. His favorite high school memory is going to Sections in Baseball in 2019. His favorite church memory is going to Houston for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering!

Malina Dineah Luke is attending Riverland Community College in Austin to finish her AA degree. Her favorite high school memory is getting to see her friends every day and also participating in drama and dance. Her favorite church memory is playing hide and seek in the pews then getting scolded by Tara for playing where they were not suppose too!

Ashlynn Mary Mandt is attending Minnesota State University—Mankato for Business Marketing. Her favorite high school memory is going on the 2020 Band and Choir trip to Florida. Her favorite church memory is going to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2018.

Lexi Rose Smith is attending the University of Wisconsin—Superior for Exercise Science. Her favorite high school memory is all the Basketball team nights and her favorite church memories are the Confirmation Lock-ins.

Marshall

Isaac Forrest Himebaugh is attending Riverland Community College in Austin for Business/Accounting. His favorite high school memory is going to World's Robotics tournament. His favorite church memories are Confirmation Lock-ins and going to Houston for the 2018 Youth Gathering!

Haley Anne Whipple is attending Winona State University this fall and major in Nursing. Her favorite high school memories are sporting events, homecoming, school dances and spending time with friends. Her favorite church memory is the trip to Houston, Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering!

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Dawn Kiefer, Marshall Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.
<p><i>Pastor Jeremy updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be backpack blessing, for school backpacks, on Sunday, September 13th during services. <p>Confirmation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshman will begin meeting September 16th as they have items to finish from last spring. • Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be included in Confirmation sessions in October. • Confirmation event (rescheduled from last spring due to COVID) is planned for October 4th and will be held outside.
<p>Secretary’s and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total offering for August \$2650.00/\$82.00 COM – United Way. • September Cause of the Month offering will be for Socks in the City. • Marcelle Voigt memorial = \$45 memorial fund. • Memorial donation of \$100 from Bonnie Boe <p>Motion to accept reports from Donna with second from Gary. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna to inquire with Denny Freund regarding repair of broken stained glass window. • Stained glass repair deferred for September, to be revisited at the October meeting. • No changes to COVID preparedness needed at this time • Len will contact Darin Boe to request that he further investigate possible plugged tile line in the cemetery. Acknowledge that cost will be incurred as digging, with heavy equipment, will be needed. • As road construction (Co. Road 4) has not yet started Council will revisit asphalt repair next spring.
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ October Cause of the Month will be Lutheran World Relief ❖ Pastor informs that Religious Release for elementary students will be moved to Thursday as students will not be on site, in class rooms, on Wednesdays. These sessions are planned to start after MEA in October. ❖ Religious release for middle/senior high continues to be discussed. Participant numbers for this age group are considerably higher which presents concerns with social distancing, etc. ❖ There will be a blessing of the new public school, in Adams, on Monday, 9/7 at 6:30 p.m. Officiants will be Pastor Jeremy, Father Antony/Sacred Heart, and Pastor John/Dexter Methodist. <p>Len shares a letter received from St. John’s Lutheran/Dexter. note that they cannot afford a full time Pastor and are currently without. They are reaching out to local congregations (Little Cedar, Marshall, Grand Meadow Lutheran, and Grace Lutheran/Austin) to inquire about shared Pastoral responsibilities. St. John’s members would welcome a conversation with local councils to explore possible options/solutions for parish support. Marshall council discusses obtaining an intern (3rd yr. Seminary student) for assistance. Len and Andrew will represent Marshall council, in meeting with St. John’s members, 9/23 or 9/30 at 7:30 p.m. Matt Larson will also attend on behalf of the Synod.</p>
Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Donna. Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Members:

Carie Hanson (finance)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink (T)	X
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Donna Osmundson (T)	X
Chris Himebaugh (D)	NA	Dawn Kiefer (secy)	X	Andrew Sprau (T)	X
Dale Himebaugh (treasurer)	X	Linda Ludwig (D)	NA	Rodney Sprau (T)	X



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Carrie Sorgatz, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Chris Roser, Mary Conroy, Becky Hartwig, John Jax.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Carol Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Millie Weness.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Vicki Kiefer that the secretary's report be accepted with suggested changes. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from both the Mankato and Winona campus ministries thanking Little Cedar for the donation. A note of greetings was read from Barb Hoffert.

Treasurer's Report: Millie explained the report. She is very pleased with the consistency of giving during COVID. We were very blessed by the government Payroll Protection Act, which helped us considerably with a grant to help with the payroll for several months. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Lynn Johnson to approve the treasurer's report as printed. Carried.

Committees:

Building: John Jax gave a copy of the plan for trees to be planted in the yard in memory of Jim Schroeder. The seal coating of the parking lot will be done soon. The stained glass will be installed in the narthex soon.

Cemetery: Chance Meyer will spray the cemetery this fall. Steve Schroeder will trim some trees.

Life and Missions: The committee is planning to bring "goodie" bags to those not able to attend worship right now.

Personnel: The committee will meet with staff for their annual interviews next week.

Daycare: The committee raised Gabby Smith's salary by \$.50 and Jade Shultz's salary by \$.25 per hour beginning October 1. The day-care is full.

Youth and Education: Tara gave a printed report which is attached. Religious release will go on for the elementary one day per week. There will be no middle and high school religious release at this time because of COVID guidelines. This decision will be reevaluated at a later time as the school year progresses.

Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Vicki Kiefer that up to \$500 be spent for Lutheran World Relief school kits with the money to come from the Lutefisk Fund. Carried. Millie mentioned that they were very short on kits right now.

Worship and Music: Guidelines were planned for when we would close down indoor worship in case of an increase of COVID.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jeremy is making personal outdoor visits to shut-ins.



Outstanding Business:

Lutefisk: It was decided to have a take-out meatball dinner. Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Carrie Sorgatz that we have a take-out meatball dinner on Sunday, November 8, from 3:30- 6:30 p.m. There will be a free will donation for the meal. Carried.

St. John's Elkton: Pastor and some congregation members from Little Cedar and Marshall will meet with St. John's Church members Wednesday, September 23, to discuss their needs.

New Business: There will be no coffee hours for the month of October. Feel free to bring your own.

Jan will give October devotions. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 21. Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, *Jan Weness*

To be approved at the next council meeting in October