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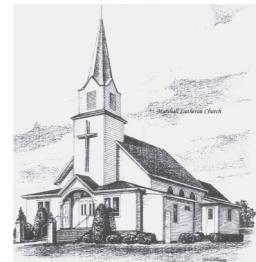
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# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



## GOD'S REVEALED LIGHT

Psalm 27:1

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

We live in a world that speaks a constant language of fear. It comes to us in all different forms, gnawing uncertainties about our placement, worth, security, and purpose. This world often feels like what Isaiah called a "deep darkness" a shadow of hate, doubt, regret, isolation, and brokenness. Often we are tempted to accept this dimness as the only reality, to let our hearts be governed by its unpredictable rhythms of worry and self-preservation. But into this pervasive darkness, God speaks definitively: "I am your light." The Epiphany season celebrated this glorious revelation. God made manifest in Christ, the Light to the nations. This is the light that exposes truth, guides our paths, and dispels the lie that we are alone in the struggle.

God has revealed that our stronghold is not a flawless plan or our own perfection and powerlessness, but a "Person." He is interested in you. In Him, we are fully known, given shelter, and sent into the world. That is the Good News.

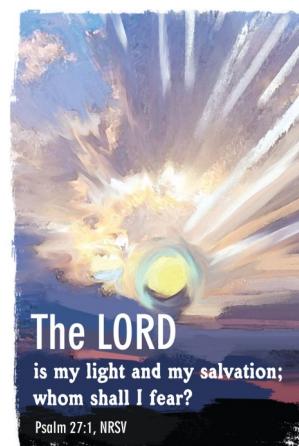
Now, we step from the season of celebrating the Light revealed into the season of allowing that Light to examine every corner of our lives. Lent invites us on a deliberate, 40-day journey with Jesus into the wilderness. This is a journey not into deeper darkness, but into the clarifying light of His radical love and presence. It is here, in the place of intentional focus that we undertake the sacred work of self-examination. I invite you to walk alongside Jesus into this season of reflection. We live in a world that's great at checking on things. We check our bank accounts, our health, our homes, and our phones. We know that if we ignore these things, they can break down. But what about our souls? How long will we let the world's noise manage us or tell us who we are instead of quietly letting Christ's kind and healing light show us the truth?

There's an old saying: "The unexamined life is not worth living." If that's true for ordinary life, how much more important is it for our life with God? Self-examination isn't about a guilty or negative focus on everything wrong with us. It's a brave and hopeful turn toward God. It is simply admitting that before God's Spirit can fix and restore us, He must first show us what needs His touch. And here is the beautiful, safe part: we do this because of the cross. We don't look inside to beat ourselves up. We look inside to find what hurts, what makes us angry, where we are stuck, so we can bring it straight to Jesus' certain mercy.

We can do this without fear because the promise stands: "The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? The LORD is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?"

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Emmanuel*



**February 4th**

Marshall Council Meeting

**February 11th**

Little Cedar Council Meeting

**February 15th**

LC Congregational Meeting

**February 18th**

Ash Wednesday @ Little Cedar

**February**

February 18<sup>th</sup> at Little Cedar  
 Soup at 6:00pm  
 Worship at 7:00pm

**LENT WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ Marshall  
 Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ Little Cedar  
 Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ Marshall  
 Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ Little Cedar  
 Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ Marshall



Soup Supper @ 6pm ~ Worship @ 7pm

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

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

Del Sorgatz ~ Alice Wiste ~ Linda Cooper

Connie Hatle ~ David Friesenborg (Brother of Pat Sorenson)  
 If you know of someone who is in the hospital or in need of prayers  
 please call the church office.

**Baptisms:**

LC ~ Everett Hall ~ Parents: Kenneth and Lyndsey Hall

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 February

Marshall Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 4th @ 7:30pm

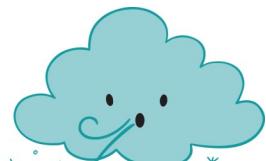
Little Cedar Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 18th @ 7:30pm



**MARSHALL CIRCLES**

**WILL MEET AT BUBBLE'S ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD  
AT 9:30AM**



♥Join Us Please♥

Cedar Court Worship Services

Wednesday, February 4th @ 2:00pm

Wednesday, February 18th @ 2:00pm

All are invited to attend these services.  
The residents are so happy to see you.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

**HOW WILL I KNOW IF CHURCH HAS  
BEEN CANCELED?**

**PLEASE TUNE INTO KAAL TV OR  
KTTC TV ONLINE LIST OF CLOSINGS.  
ALSO THE LITTLE CEDAR MARSHALL  
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### **MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2026**

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**"RONALD McDONALD HOUSE"  
ALL LOOSE CHANGE IN OFFERING PLATE  
GOES TO THE CAUSE OF THE MONTH**

**February Little Cedar Service Group #3**

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

Jim & Lynn Johnson	Dave & Susan Lagerstedt
Brenda & Chris Landherr	Kiyanna Meyer
Dixie Rose	Jill Sathre
Kerry Stroup	Brian & Lani Wolff
Patricia & Ron Milks	Marcia Mullenbach
Karen Anderson	Mary Schmitz
Alice Wiste	Carol Lagerstedt
Bailey & Tim Kana	Chans & Holly Meyer
Becca Schmitz	Jon & Laura Stroup
Maddie Koenigs	

**Little Cedar Readers**

**February 1—Bryce Nelson**  
**February 8—Youth**  
**February 15—Jan Weness**  
**February 22—John Logsdon**

**YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS****Confirmation News**

February 4th—Regular Class—Meal, Foster Family  
 February 11th—Regular Class—Meal, McKay Family

Lent begins on February 18th—watch emails for details

**BLESSINGS TO YOU  
 TODAY AND  
 all year.  
 AMEN**

**Communion Clean-Up**

February 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Ash Wednesday – February 18<sup>th</sup>

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**

February 9<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Hour**

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 (Not February 1<sup>st</sup> – that is LYO)

**Serve any functions requested.**

# Youth & Education News

## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*February 1—Usher: Kallie, Greeter & Communion: Sophie
- \*February 8—Usher: Lane, Greeter: Sadie
- \*February 15—Usher: Harper, Greeter & Communion: Kallie
- \*February 22—Usher: Sophia, Greeter: Payton



## Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- \*February 1—Usher: Avery, Communion: James
- \*February 8—Usher: Aria
- \*February 15—Usher: Kenzie, Communion: Alyssa
- \*February 22—Usher: Adam

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*February 1—RaeLynne
- \*February 8—Henley
- \*February 15—Alex
- \*February 22—Ruby



## Little Cedar Coffee Hour is February 1st

Bonny Bryan and Walerak Family

## Little Cedar Youth Sunday is February 8th

Ushers: Lauren and Beau

Readers: JJ and Nolan

## Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

- February 1—Wyatt
- February 15—Justin

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH



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

Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

**Pastor Emmanuel updates:**

Forrest read the Pastor's report. Pastor shared everything is going great with worship and that the Christmas programs were excellent. He continues to lead services at the nursing home as well as lead confirmation classes on Wednesday nights. No concerns were brought forward from him at this time.

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

- Total offering for December was \$12,185.00/\$350.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- January Cause of the Month offering will be for Good Earth Village.
- Next month – February Cause of the month – Ronald McDonald House

Motion to accept reports from Lonny with a second from Cory. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- Sarah McKay and Amber Hanson will be on the call committee. We are looking for an additional member to join the committee. We will ask for another volunteer and Forrest will submit the names to Barb Streed.
- Amber agreed to help lead the committee for the 150th celebration and will reach out to Karina to help co-lead. They will share preliminary information at the annual meeting on January 18th.
- Cory is still working on replacing the speakers downstairs.

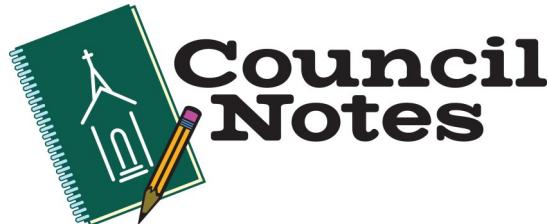
**New Business:**

- There was a proposal from Tara to move First Communion from Fourth Grade to Third Grade starting in 2026. A motion was made from Rhonda with a second from Adam. Motion carried.
- Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2026 and made revisions.

Motion to accept the proposed budget for 2026 from Cory with a second from Kathy. Motion carried.

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

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President, Holly Meyer. The Mission Statement was read. Tara Mandt led with a devotion and prayer.

**Attendance:** Lyndsey Hall, Pat Sorenson, Holly Meyer, Jim Johnson, Tracy Smith, Mike Lamp, Kiyanna Meyer, Joe Matheis, Tara Mandt, and Pastor Emmanuel Kaghondi. Absent: Dixie Rose and Brady Voigt

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Tracy, to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Carried

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A motion regarding approval of the report was tabled until the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting due to additional corrections that need to be made.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** We reviewed the Marshall shared-expense report.

**Building:** We discussed lowering the church building value to \$3,904,800 to save on premium. Roger Weness applied for a grant and the church will receive two free trees for the south side of the lawn.

**Cemetery:** The door on the shed was replaced.

**Education:** First Communion will be starting on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Life & Missions:** No report at this time.

**Personnel:** No report at this time.

**Youth:** No report at this time.

**Worship & Music:** We are working on skits for Lent.

**Pastor's Report:** The Pastor's Report was presented. Pastor Emmanuel updated us on Bishop Hassanally's trip to Tanzania. He has been busy with member visits.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Sound System: Tara gave an update. We should be able to make the switch to the back of the church soon.

Old Piano: The Cedar Court apartments will take our old piano.

#### **New Business:**

1. A motion was made by Joe, and seconded by Jim to elect Holly Meyer, President and Tracy Smith, Vice President for 2026. Carried.

2. A motion was made by Pat, and seconded by Tracy to elect Joe Matheis, Treasurer, and Lyndsey Hall to fill his remaining term of one year.

3. Holly explained the financial situation from the Annual Meeting. We will have a Congregational Meeting on February 15, 2026, to rescind the Treasurers Report and Financials and then present new financials for approval.

4. A motion was made by Joe, and seconded by Pat to endorse Lynnette Gerber, Kern Hall, Sam Mueller, Spencer Medgaarden, and Tracy Smith for our Call Committee. Carried.

5. We discussed the new lease for the copier. The monthly premium will go down 25%. A motion by Lyndsey and seconded by Mike to approve the new lease. Carried.

6. A motion was made by Tracy and seconded by Mike to lower the value of the church building insurance. The premium will now be \$13,966 a year.



The next council meeting will be on February 11, 2026. Devotions will be given by Pat. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Mandt, Council Secretary

**Special Birthdays in February**

Dorothy Anderson will be 95  
on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
God's Blessings to you on your  
Special day♥

**SOUTHLAND FOOD SHELF**

is in need of empty egg cartons. If you have any to donate you can bring them in and place them in the shopping cart under the coat rack at Little Cedar. Thank you.




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**CHURCH COUNCIL**


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**MARSHALL COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026**

**Cory Grant**

**Gary Kulow**

**Rhonda Emanuel**

**Kathy Voigt**

**Adam Chapek**

**Lesley Heimer**

**Forrest Himebaugh**

**Karina Mensink**

**Treasurer**

**Amber Hanson**

**Secretary**

**Patricia Kulow**

**Financial Secretary**

**Marshall Council meets the  
1st Wednesday of each month**

**LITTLE CEDAR COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026**

**Jim Johnson**

**Pat Sorenson**

**Lyndsey Hall**

**Dixie Rose**

**Holly Meyer**

**Tracy Smith**

**Mike Lamp**

**Kiyanna Meyer**

**Brady Voigt**

**Tara Mandt**



**Secretary**

**Nancy Smith**

**Financial Secretary**

**Janet Stephenson**

**Financial Secretary**

**John Logsdon**

**Financial Secretary**

**Joe Matheis**

**Treasurer**

**Little Cedar Council meets the  
3rd Wednesday of each month**