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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



May 2022





1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

I recently traveled with the Southland High School students to New York. One of the places we visited was the 9/11 Museum. We talked about how that was a moment in history that will never be forgotten. We also then talked about other moments in our nation's history that will never be forgotten. Covid is likely a moment that will not be easily forgotten. It is a marker in our history as well. Although Covid hasn't entirely left us, we have at the very least transitioned a bit into a phase in which we talk about pre-Covid, Covid, and after Covid.

If I was to think about my own history, there are events that mark off certain parts of my life. Some of them are good experiences. Sandy and I getting married. The birth of our children. The first house that we bought. Some were bad experiences. The deaths of my grandparents. The loss of pets.

I guess I would say that most of them landed somewhere in between. They had good aspects to them, and bad aspects. It's interesting to think about all the places we've lived prior to coming to Adams. The places we've lived are certainly markers in our life. Seminary and our time in undergraduate college. Graduation and all our experiences of high school.

I also then think of all the people that have been meaningful in my life. Those that have been with me through the joys and struggles of life. Those people leave a mark in my life as well.

Through everything, I remember the love of God has remained in my life. It is a love that can endure all things. Even the deepest troubling moments in life. A love that pours our joy and hope in the face of brokenness in this world.

Blessings!
Pastor Jeremy





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Important Dates

May 1st

Confirmation Sunday

May 4th

Marshall Council

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 18th

Little Cedar Council

May 22nd

Senior Sunday

May 30th

Memorial Day

Congratulations to our Graduates Senior Sunday is May 22nd



At Little Cedar

Chase Johnson

Parents: Brad & Maria

Alizha Kappers

Parents: Sarah and Kyle Mergen & Gary Kappers

Olivia Matheis

Parents: Joe Matheis & Jill Kaufman

Kiyanna Meyer Parents: Chans & Holly

Fli Wolff

Parents: Brian & Lani

Southland Baccalaureate is at Little Cedar on May 22nd at 4:00pm



2022

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

Gloria Mallory ~ Mavis Klaudt ~Judy Johnson ~ Gerald Meier Residents of Taopi

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



Office Hours Are: Monday ~Tuesday ~Thursday ~ Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm Wednesday from 11:00am to 6:00pm

Little Cedar 9:00am Marshall 10:30am **Sunday Worship:**

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

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Kate Wiste Day Care Director Icdaycare14@gmail.com May 2022 Page 4



Kate Wiste ~ Little Cedar Daycare Director

Why is it still cold?! We are getting outside as much as possible, but this weather has been so crazy! We are still searching for an assistant. Keep spreading the word, please! April has already come and gone, but we did get to celebrate two birthdays and Easter. We made spring wreaths with paper plates and pieces of egg cartons and an Easter bunny. The kids used their imaginations when fairy tales were our topic. They said what they would be and where they would live. I want to move in with some of them. Sounded amazing! We did a lot of sunshines and Spring projects hoping to bring on the beautiful weather. Maybe next month! U was for umbrella, Unicorn and underwater. V for vacuum and volcano. W for whale, watermelon and worm. We met Orchid the Octagon. We made an octopus on a stick. Yellow was our color where we made sunflowers and tried growing a plant. Forgot to water it for awhile so I sent them home with each kid. Shows I don't have a green thumb! The kids enjoyed staying active this month. We did kid yoga and hip hop. That was exhausting! We played a lot of catch, dancing, follow the leader, tag and balancing. The kids made door holders about ways of being kind. They came up with some great ones-say nice things, give a hug, listen to friends. 17 and 18 were our numbers and we cleaned up our playground area of garbage and made necklaces with pictures of the earth for Earth Day. Bring on the SUNSHINE!!





Cause of the Month for May Marshall

"Vacation Bible School"

Undie Sunday ~ Update







Little Cedar and Marshall collected \$1500 for underwear for Central Lutheran. The LYO members spent about \$1000 on underwear. Seventeen tie blankets were also made for them. The balance of the money will go to purchase underwear and socks and go to "The Drawer" based out of the Twin Cities.

 an organization that helps provide these items for people in need of them.



Daycare job opening:

We are still looking for an assistant!! Would like someone to fill 15 hours at a minimum or a maximum of 30. Please pass along to EVERYONE you know! And pray on it.



Contact Kate @ 507-582-1434

²¹ WHETHER YOU TURN TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT, YOUR EARS WILL HEAR A VOICE BEHIND YOU, SAYING, "THIS IS THE WAY; WALK IN IT."

Worship Assistants & Service

Little Cedar Service Group #6

Co-Chairs: John & Cindy Jax and Brian & Sherry Schotanus

**We will no longer be listing emails and phone numbers in the Churchmouse. Contact the church office if you need to contact anyone. We are trying to help reduce the SPAM calls and

emails we all get!

Jan & Roger Weness Tracy & Angie Smith

Kerry Stroup

Nancy Thalberg

Nancy Smith

Al & Pat Sorenson

June Wolf

Bev Vangsness

Lindsey & Shane Hanson

Whitney & Jake Schotanus

Jon & Laura Stroup

Larry & Ann Tompkins

Mary Conroy

Gretchen Thome

Cassie Taylor

Gabrielle Smith

Communion Clean-Up

May I and 15

Deliver Meals on Wheels

May 9 through 20

Coffee Hour

May 8, 15, 22 & 29

*22th is Senior Sunday

And any functions that are requested

Little Cedar Readers

May 1 Bryce Nelsen

May 8 YOUTH—See Below

> May 15 Jan Weness

May 22 Tara Mandt

May 29 Cindy Jax

Little Cedar High School **Communion Helpers**

May I—Eli May 15—

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

*May I—Addie

*May 8—Taya

*May 15—Addison

*May 22—Audrey

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is May 8th

Little Cedar Senior High

Coffee Hour

May I—Lagerstedt Family

Helper: Kendra Helgeson family





Ushers: Gregory & Brad and Readers:

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

*May I—Usher: Kaden, Greeter: Liliana, Communion: Nolan

*May 8—Usher: Justin, Greeter: Liliana

*May 15—Usher: Beau, Greeter: Mya, Communion: Kaden

*May 22—Usher: Nolan, Greeter: Justin



Marshall Confirmation Church Assistants

*May I—Usher: Brecken

*May 8—Usher: Alex

*May 15—Usher: Brecken, Communion: Lillian

*May 22—Usher: Alex



Youth & Education News

Senior High LYO NEWS

Our April meeting was held on the 10th. We went shopping in Rochester with the monetary donations for Central Lutheran. We bought socks, underwear, under shirts and toiletries. We then had supper at HuHut to celebrate our last meeting of the school year. Respectfully submitted, Alizha Kappers, Secretary

Confirmation News



Thanks for a great year kids! It was still a little hectic but we did it!

6th Grade students—be thinking of who you would like to have for your Mentor!

Tara

Little Cedar Sunday School News

We had a great year despite all the conflicts! Have a great summer.

Marshall Sunday School News

Our last class will be on May 15th.



Summer Youth Trip

We are excited to take a group of students to St. Louis in July. This trip is to replace the Youth Gathering that was cancelled in Minneapolis.

Summer News

Watch for dates for some Summer Fun Nights for our Youth at Little Cedar!



Good Earth Village has a full schedule of events and camps for all ages and families. Little Cedar and Marshall will contribute to the camp fees. Reach out to Tara with any questions.



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Congratulations to our Confirmation Students and their families. These students will Affirm their Baptism on May 1st.

Little Cedar

Cameron Daniel Bryan ~ Parents Jeremy & Bonny Bryan ~ Mentor Tracy Smith Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he well act."



Wyatt Robert Krull ~ Parents Lori & Brian Hill and John Krull & Laura Chaffee ~ Mentor Paula Mortenson

Genesis 1:28 "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Juliette Rose Matheis ~ Parents Joe Matheis and Jill Kaufman ~ Mentor Lynn Johnson Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before others in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

Elliot Anthony Medgaarden ~ Parents Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden ~ Mentor Mike Lamp Genesis 1:3-4 "And God said, "'Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness."

Easton James Meyer ~ Parents Chans & Holly Meyer ~ Mentor Jim Johnson 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

Joseph John (J.J.) Smith ~ Parents Tracy & Angie Smith ~ Mentor Kurt Sorgatz 2 Timothy 2:5 "Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victors except by competing according to the rules."

Avery Rose Stroup ~ Parents Jon & Laura Stroup ~ Mentor Miranda Stroup 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. Joshua 1:9

Marshall

Sara Ann Canterbury ~ Parents Jeremy & Kristin Canterbury ~ Mentor Cathy Sprau Exodus 35:31-33 "And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship."

Shannon Marie Kiefer ~ Parents Tom Kiefer and Linda Sendle ~ Mentor Lori Wiste Deuteronomy 20:4 "For the LORD your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

Amy Kay Smith ~ Parents Angie & Andy Smith *~ Mentor Asa Smith Psalm 32:6 "You do not have to ride this one alone. I am going to show you how."

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Grandma's Attic



GRANDMA'S ATTIC AND BAKE SALE

When: Friday, June 10th & Saturday, June 11th

Hours: Friday 8am to 5pm ~ Saturday 8am to noon

Where: Little Cedar Fellowship Hall

WHAT CAN WE BRING?

CLEAN household items, ex. books, puzzles, decorative items, dishes, etc.

Please NO clothes or furniture WHEN can we start bringing things?

We will start taking in donations Friday ~ May 27th thru Monday June 6th

WHAT TIME CAN WE BRING OUR ITEMS?

Mon. & Tues. 9am to 5pm

Weds. 11am to 6pm

Thurs. & Fri. 9am to 5pm

NOTE:

The only door that will be unlocked during those hours will be the west door by the Office.

We will needs lots of volunteers for these 2 days.

******Please call the church Office to sign up for a shift.******



Minutes— respectfully submitted, Tricia Kulow, Marshall Secretary



Topics

Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.

Pastor Jeremy updates:

- There are no interns available from either Wartburg or Luther Colleges for St. John's Church. St. John's will be making a decision on how they will proceed.
- The LYO will be traveling to St. Louis at the end of July. The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans..
- Pastor Jeremy will be gone on Sunday, April 24th. He will be traveling with the Southland students on their New York City Trip.
- The Men's Pancake Breakfast offering was donated to the LYO Socks and Underwear project.
- \$1,500.00 has been raised for the Socks and Underwear project for Central Lutheran.
- If there are extra socks and underwear they will be donated to "The Drawer", an organization that helps provide these items for people in need of them.

Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.

- Total offering for April \$2185/\$299.48 for Central Lutheran for the LYO underwear and sock collection.
- April Cause of the Month offering will be for LINK, a homeless teen program.

Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Kevin. Motion carried.

Old Business:

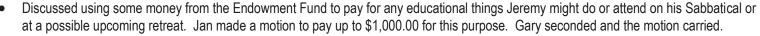
- No change to the COVID action plan.
- Pastor Jeremy explained more about the internship problem at St. John's Church.



- Nothing new was done for the projector/TV project for church services. After the meeting we looked at the possible use of a projector or TV Screen and which would work better for church services.
- Maundy Thursday Service will be held upstairs.

New Business:

- Several of the kitchen outlets do not work. It was decided to have the outlets checked and repaired.
- The light in the bathroom does not work and Dale will look at it and have it fixed
- One of the corners in the basement is damp and that will also be looked at and fixed.
- Kathy Voigt will be retiring from the janitor/cleaning job at Marshall. Kathy will send out an email to the congregations of Little Cedar and Marshall to let people know that we are looking for a janitor/cleaner. Kathy will make a list of her duties.
- The stained glass windows in the church are in good shape at this time.
- We will have a cemetery cleanup day in May before Memorial Day Service.
- There are a few dead trees that will need to be removed from the wind break around the church.
- The Cemetery shed was repaired last year.



- Discussed also using some Endowment Fund money to help support Bungjot, a refugee from South Sudan that will be going to Wartburg Seminary. Bungjot was one of the refugees that spoke at Little Cedar before Lenten Service in March. His congregation now holds services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Austin. Bungjot and some of the other congregation members will be working to raise money to dig wells in their home country. Gold mining in the areas around their homes have contaminated the drinking water with mercury and other heavy metals.
- We received a letter from Crossroads Lutheran Campus Ministry asking for money to help their food shelf for students at the college in Mankato. It was decided to put them on the calendar for Cause of the Month for August.

Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Andrew. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



LITTLE CEDAR COUNCIL MINUTES

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Present: John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Lynn Johnson, Holly Meyer, Connie Sathre.

The meeting was called to order by Tracy Smith. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Millie gave devotions.

Secretary's Minutes: Motion by John, seconded by Spencer to accept the minutes as printed. Carried.

<u>Correspondence:</u> Tracy read a thank you from Real Hope for the Hungry for the donation of money for the food pack. Pastor read correspondence from LRW and Lutheran Campus Ministries.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> There was no report due to computer problems.

Committee Reports:

- -Building: It was brought to the attention of the committee that the bifold in the Fellowship Hall needs repair.
- **-Daycare:** Kate is still in need of an assistant and summer help.
- **-Life and Missions:** Easter cards were sent to several members and quilts given to victims of the tornado in Taopi. Circle 3 made several dozen sandwiches the day after the tornado and took them to Taopi.
- **-Personnel:** A request from the daycare committee was made to change Kate's contract to time and a half overtime when she works over 45 hours per week. The request was made because Kate does not have an assistant and is working more than her contracted hours. <u>Motion</u> by John, <u>seconded</u> by Nancy to pay Kate time and a half for over 45 hours per week retroactive to the last pay period until she gets an assistant hired. Carried.
- -Youth and Education: Baccalaureate will be at Little Cedar on May 22.

<u>Pastor's Report:</u> Pastor Dwight Dobell will begin serving Little Cedar and Marshall churches beginning June 5th, while Pastor is on sabbatical. He will be here for six Sundays.

Outstanding Business:

-Undie Sunday: Little Cedar and Marshall collected \$1500 for underwear for Central Lutheran. The LYO members spent about \$1000 on underwear. Seventeen tie blankets were also made for them. The balance of the money will go to purchase underwear and socks and go to "The Drawer" based out of the Twin Cities.

New Business: None

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. Carol will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

