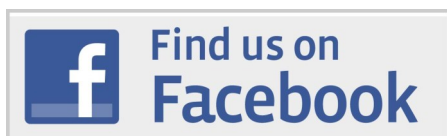


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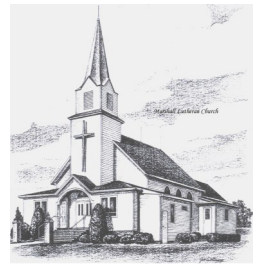
Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly



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## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



*"Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God;  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes..." Elizabeth Barret Browning*

### What did you delight in this summer?

Where did you see God's *creative goodness*? My mom was bursting to show us a nest she had found when picking chokecherries. It held four lovely blue speckled eggs. Isaac touched them and declared, "They are warm, Grandma!" This, as Mary Oliver penned, is more wonderful than all the cleverness of our times: worth more than all the electricity of New York City.

I walked in the woods at Good Earth Village the Friday before campers arrived and heard the voice of a meadowlark. Clear, sweet, singing on the long grass, praising God for the fresh morning.



The week before I started with you (LC & M), I visited my brother in Washington D.C. We had a delightful time together enjoying art museums and scrumptious food. "Little Beasts: Art, Wonder and the Natural World" was a special exhibit at the National Art Gallery. It brought the curiosity and wonder of Renaissance artists and natural historians to enthuse us today. They collected, drew and painted the insects and flora at their doorsteps and those arriving via global trade in the late 1500's. Many argued that the intricate structures and instincts of insects revealed Gods majesty and their variety showed God's creative power. Their understanding of Christianity caused them to marvel at the power and might seen in the least creatures of all. The study of insects in this period (500 years ago!) laid the groundwork for our current understanding of biodiversity. Looking closely at the amazing art of little beasts of Van Kessel, Hoefnagel, Peeters and others definitely was a God sighting for me. God is so creative and given extraordinary insects an indispensable role in our world. We cannot sustain life without these fabulous little creatures.

So, find a dragonfly, butterfly, beetle or bee to marvel at and praise God for. And think of how wondrous you are, child of God, apple of God's eye, pearl of great price. Then, your heart and eye will have more wonder and openness for another child of God who needs to be noticed.

In Christ, *Pastor Jolene*

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**September 3rd**

Marshall Council

**September 7th**Rally Sunday  
Backpack Blessing**September 10th**

Parent/Student Conf. Meeting

**September 17th**Little Cedar Council  
Confirmation Begins**September 24th**

Jint Council Meeting

**We thank you all!**

As the new school year is about to begin we  
would like to pause for a moment and say a  
prayer for all of the students:

Elementary, Jr. High, Sr. High, and College.

We also want to remember in our prayers the Teachers,  
Para's, Office Staff, Janitors,

Lunchroom staff and Bus Drivers.

Thank you all for taking care of our children  
for the next 9 months.

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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

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

Ed Koch ~ Penny Kane

Inez Boyken (Deb Fasbender's Aunt) ~ Tracey Barrett (Deb Fasbender's Cousin)

**Funerals:**

LC ~ Art Osmundson

**Baptisms:**

LC ~ Kinsley Jo Baker ~ Parents ~ Ryan & Ramsey Baker

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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**Pastors Page continued ~**

As we begin a new school year and welcome member, friend and guest to worship and fellowship and education with us, will you greet a visitor or someone new to you with enthusiasm and genuine interest? What would it look like for you to expand your notice and conversation wider toward others?

Jesus Christ calls us to be welcoming people, not because it is the nice thing to do, but because it is a holy and whole-making act, a sacred action. Welcoming another is a gesture that includes not only the other person, but also GOD in whose image they are formed and fashioned and whom they somehow reveal in their being, even though we may struggle to perceive it.

In the welcome of another, God works to build healthy relationships, bring wholeness and deepen our faith. Hospitality is a strange economy. We don't know what we will set in motion when we decide to reflect Christ and receive Christ. We offer a smile, a corner of our heart, and we relinquish precious territory. We allow ourselves to remember who it is God put us here to be, and soon we are holding something new. A gift. Room for new life to take root in us and to change us. Extra room in our own souls. A place for God's grace and presence to grow. This receiving welcome and giving welcome is not always easy, but it comes with the reward and blessing of God. What is the reward and blessing of God? To be drawn closer to the love and faithfulness of God.

**All are welcome.** God's mercy and goodness is for all. Christ's table is for all. We do not have to "have it all together" before we step into a church. Christ loves sinners. Christ wants us to faithfully follow Him, to delight in listening to God and walking in His ways, and we cannot do that by ourselves. We need to hear and experience God's Word – from the Bible, from the bread and wine, and from the caring words of a community rooted in Christ. It is together that we grow in faithfulness, able to embrace holy commitments over our fleeting desires. It is together that God grants the freedom in Christ to strive for ways of life that bring healthy relationships, long-term joy and eternal blessings.

May it be that friend and stranger experience love and compassion through YOU, the people of God at Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches, able to say, "God is dwelling there". The cross has cast a wide, deep circle. May Christ's love noticeably flow through your precious and perilous life.



Pastor *Jolene*

**September Little Cedar Service Group #1****Chairs: Jan & Roger Weness and Lyndsey & Kern Hall**

Bruce &amp; Mary Bergene

Rick Hinz

Brian &amp; Teresa Bergene

Bryant &amp; Ann Hokeness

Patti Hamilton

Lahoma Retterath

Bryce &amp; Kellie Nelson

Justin &amp; Lynnette Gerber

Brady Voigt &amp; Nick Strenke

Sarah &amp; Kyle Mergen

Shari Wagner

Paige &amp; Karsen Ulwelling

Geneva Hamilton

Kerry Webber

Amy &amp; Jake Mandler

**September 2025****Communion Clean-Up**September 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**Deliver Meals on Wheels**September 8<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>**Coffee Hour**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**Serve any functions requested.****Little Cedar Readers****September 7—Bryce Nelson****September 14—Youth****September 21—Jan Weness****September 28—Jim Osmundson****Council Meetings for September**

Marshall Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 3rd @ 7:00pm

Little Cedar Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 17th @ 7:30pm

Joint Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 24th @ 7:30pm

**♥Huge Thanks!**

It is time to stop and appreciate all those who keep our building and grounds and cemetery looking so beautiful in the spring & summer months. We thank you for your hard work and dedication. Sometimes it takes an army to keep things running around here.

**Fall Bible Study / Book Study with Pastor Jolene**

It is life giving to discuss and learn together. Please answer a few questions in a survey monkey survey. It was sent in an email as well.

Groups will start meeting the last week of September most likely. Fill it out today so we can order books in a couple weeks!

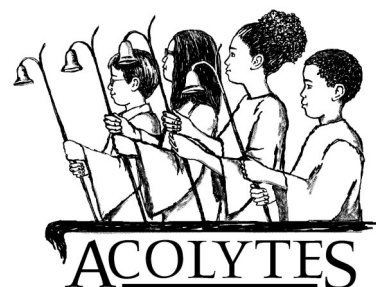
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# Youth & Education News

## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*September 7—Usher: Sadie, Greeter & Communion: Payton
- \*September 14—Usher: Sophie, Greeter: Lane
- \*September 21—Usher: Sophia, Greeter & Communion: Harper
- \*September 28—Usher: Payton, Greeter: Sophie



## Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- \*September 7—Usher: Adam, Communion: Aria
- \*September 14—Usher: Addie
- \*September 21—Usher: Avery, Communion: Sara
- \*September 28—Usher: Kenzie

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*September 7—Ruby
- \*September 14—Harper
- \*September 21—Hayden
- \*September 28—Parker

## Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

- September 7— Juliette
- September 21— Wyatt

## Little Cedar Youth Sunday is September 14th

Ushers: Cameron & JJ  
Readers: Easton & Avery



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



"As for youth director, I say we pass on the Master of Theology and hire the mother of 12."





# Youth & Education News

## Welcome to a Bright New Year at Little Cedar & Marshall!

This year is filled with exciting beginnings! We are welcoming new students, new teachers, new classrooms, and a new pastor—all signs that God is doing something fresh in our church family. From Sunday School to Confirmation to Youth Group, there is so much energy and joy as we step into the year ahead together.

We are also introducing something new—our very first year-long theme: “Stars & Light.” Throughout the year, we will celebrate the ways Christ shines in us and through us, guiding our paths like stars in the night sky. We look forward to learning, growing, and sharing this light together.

May this year be one where God’s light shines brightly in every child, youth, and family in our congregation!

**Backpack Blessing**—September 7th @ Little Cedar and Marshall  
For all ages—bring your backpack or bag!



## Little Cedar Rally Sunday—September 7th

Our newest 3-year-olds will receive their Cradle Roll Hearts: Soren Emanuel, Brooks Gilles, Charlotte Harland, Isabelle Ulwelling

We will recognize our new student, Jackson Stout and our new teachers, Kate, Grayson, Heather, and Alizha.

## Little Cedar Sunday School News

Class starts—September 14th

## Marshall Sunday School News

Class starts—October 5th

## Confirmation News

September 10th—Parent/Student Meeting  
6th, 7th and 8th Grade

September 17th—Class Starts

September 24th—Regular Class

## Senior High Youth Group

Our first meeting is scheduled for **September 14th**. Time & place TBD  
We will elect officers, plan our calendar, and have some fun—no matter what is determined! Watch email and text for information.



## Junior High Youth Group

Our first meeting is scheduled for **September 21st**. Plans are still in the works! Stay tuned!

Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

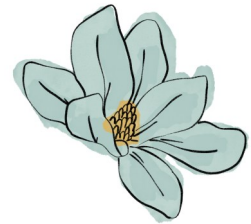
**Pastor Jolene updates:**

- ☐ Pastor Jolene opened the meeting with a litany, scripture reading and a prayer. She thanked us all for being so welcoming to her as she made her transition to Little Cedar and Marshall.
- ☐ Pastor Jolene is working on creating a list for in home communion to continue to support those in our community that need that service.
- ☐ Pastor Jolene will be having a 6th grade parent meeting, which will be held on August 20th . This will help support parents as their children enter middle school.
- ☐ Pastor Jolene brought up the idea of having a new member dinner. This is something that council will discuss.

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

- ☐ Total offering for July \$8,010.00/\$326.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- ☐ August Cause of the Month offering will be for the Salvation Army
- ☐ Next month – September – Cause of the month – Central Lutheran

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



**Old Business:**

- ☐ Lonny proposed a playground setup that he will work on building with the help of Adam and others. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Lesley to utilize the memorial fund, up to \$5,000, to purchase materials for the playground. Materials will be purchased from Adams Builders Supply.
- ☐ The floor has been repaired where the new carpet will be placed, and now we are just waiting on the install. D & E Carpet called and said the carpet is in and should be installed within a few weeks.
- ☐ Cory moved the audio rack from the back of the church to the Pastor's room. Adam will look for speakers and Cory will look at a gooseneck microphone to purchase to continue to improve the audio.
- ☐ We will put a sheet in the back of church for those who are interested in joining the 150th Anniversary celebration committee to sign up so that the committee can start meeting and set a date for the celebration.

**New Business:**

- ☐ At our September meeting, we will walk around and look at things inside and outside of the church and make a list of what needs to be fixed before the 150th Anniversary Celebration.
- ☐ There will be a potluck on Sunday, August 10th celebrating LaVonne before she moves to Decorah.
- ☐ At our October meeting, we will need to discuss the call committee and who will participate in that.

Motion to adjourn from Lesley with a second from Adam. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

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



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on **Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order by Spencer. The Mission Statement was read in unison.

Devotions were given by Jan.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Holly, seconded by Jim to approve the report as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Two months of reports were reviewed by Lyndsey. Some CD's are coming due and she will consult with the bank on the best rate of interest. Motion by Jan, seconded by Pat to accept the report as printed. Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

-Building: Joe reported that our lawnmower is aging and needs replacement. Motion by Jan, seconded by Joe to purchase a used lawnmower that Joe has found at Jamie Ulven's with the payment to come out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Carried.

-Education: Tara reported that she has several Sunday School helpers, so will be able to divide age groups this year.

-Finance: The shared expense report with Marshall was reviewed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jolene reported that she has done two funerals and services at Cedar Court Senior Living.

**Old Business:**

-Building Use: Tara reported that now that the daycare is no longer in the building, Pastor and a committee walked through the building and discussed how we can better make use of the spaces. The offices and classrooms are all being painted. The former daycare will be used for education and youth. The balance in the daycare fund will be used to update the space and landscape the outdoor area.

**New Business:**

-New Member Meal and Gathering: Either October 12 or the 26th will be dates to choose from for the meal. Spencer will set the date determined on when new members can come and he will make the meal.

-Meatball Drive Through Meal: The meatball drive through meal will be on Sunday, November 9th. The money raised from the meal goes into the mission fund.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m.** Lyndsey will give devotions. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness, Secretary*

