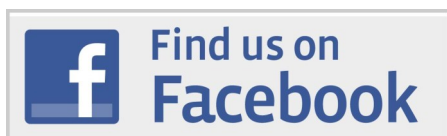


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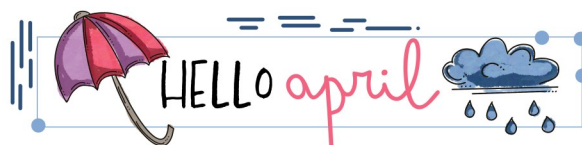


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Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Now It Springs Up!

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

(Isaiah 43:19)

You know me. I love snow. For Abner and me, winter is our season of the soul - wool socks, the quiet creak of the house settling against the cold, and a silence that feels like a long prayer. There's a clean, sharp air to it I find bracing and beautiful. The only real crack in the perfection is when the white stuff forces us to cancel Sunday services. Even then, there's grace in the enforced stillness. For my wife, winter is not the fun part of the year. Since 2017 I've watched her, and every year I'm reminded that the same landscape that feels like sanctuary to me can feel like a prison to another. We both grew up under the equatorial sun of Tanzania, where the year is a gentle, seventy-degree exhale. The long Minnesota freeze does something different to her. The birds she loves as her morning choir go silent and migrate. The plants in her garden die. Color drains from the world, and I watch color drain from her mood - her joy, her boundless energy, her spiritual vitality, her laughter, all going underground, buried beneath the snowpack of a season that feels to her less like rest and more like exile. I see purity in the snow. I'm often moved by Isaiah 1:18—that our sins, though scarlet, shall be white as snow.

But she experiences the absence of life. This is one of the most clarifying lessons I know as a pastor: the body of Christ is made of many members, each inhabiting the same season but not the same experience of it. Then it happens. It always begins subtly. Last week I was watching for it. Early one morning, a sound broke the long silence at our bedroom window - tentative at first, then full-throated. The birds had returned. My wife lay still for a moment and then said, quietly, I love hearing that bird. Within days, the whole world seemed to remember its purpose. The temperature shifted. Light lingered past dinner. The brown landscape erupted with the tender green of new buds. And I watched my wife return to life. Which is wonderful. And also means someone has to clean the yard.

I've spent my life contemplating the doctrine of the resurrection. But there's something about watching it happen in nature. Easter and spring are not merely coincidental neighbors on the calendar. They are the same theological truth written in two languages. One is the language of nature. The other is the language of grace. Both say the same thing: life is not finished. The cold, locked-in places do not win. Paul puts it as radically as it can be put: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Isaiah had said it first. Now it springs up. Not gradually, not eventually - now. The prophet is not describing a slow thaw. He's describing a rupture in the normal order of things, the kind you almost miss because it arrives like birdsong: quiet, then suddenly unmistakable. The cold, dark seasons of our lives, whether they are literal winters, seasons of depression like some among us endures, or periods of grief and doubt - will not last forever. The promise of the resurrection is not just that Jesus rose, but that his rising set in motion a perpetual season of renewal. It enables us to see the world through new eyes: God's eyes. Eyes that see the potential for life even in the dead of winter.

As we move forward from this Easter season, may we carry this truth with us. May we embrace the transformation, the growth, and the joy that come from knowing that everything old has passed away. For we, like the spring, are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Peace be with you all ~ *Pr. Emmanuel*



April 1st
Marshall Council Meeting

April 2nd
Maundy Thursday

April 3rd
Good Friday

April 5th
Easter Sunday

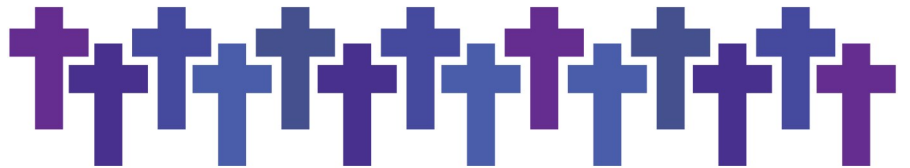
April 15th
Little Cedar Council Meeting



Little Cedar and Marshall Congregations,
We have assembled our Call Committee and have begun the Call Process to begin the work of calling a new Pastor to serve us. As we begin this journey, our priority as a committee is to hear the voices of our congregations to ensure we understand what is important to all of us and to ensure we call a new leader that fits our needs.

If you have any questions, please talk to one of the Call Committee members listed below.

Thank you,
Amber Hanson, Gary Kulow, Sarah McKay, Kern Hall, Lynnette Gerber, Spencer Medgaarden, Sam Mueller, and Tracy Smith



*IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers*

♥Prayers: Those known to have been hospitalized, ill or in need of prayers:
Judy Johnson ~ John Anderson

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or in need of prayers please call the church office.

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
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Council Meetings for April

Marshall Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 1st @ 7:30pm
Little Cedar Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 15th @ 7:30pm



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WILL MEET AT BUBBLES ON
TUES, APRIL 7TH 9:30AM**



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♥Join Us Please♥

Cedar Court Worship Services
Wednesday, April 1st @ 2:00pm
Wednesday, April 15th @ 2:00pm

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



START SAVING THOSE POP CANS!!

Pop Can pickup scheduled for
The weekend of April 11th & 12th.
The wagon will be in the
Little Cedar Parking lot.



All monies collected go to
Ronald McDonald House
In Rochester, MN

Little Cedar Readers

April 5—Tara Mandt

April 12—Youth

April 19—Deb Fasbender

April 26—Olivia Matheis

MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH

♥APRIL 2026

“Vacation Bible School”

**ALL LOOSE CHANGE IN OFFERING PLATE
GOES TO THE CAUSE OF THE MONTH**

Mark your Calendars! Confirmation Sunday is May 3rd.

At Little Cedar

Sophia Danielson, Payton Foster, Kallie Kenyon, and Sadie Webber

At Marshall

Adam Heimer and Aria Kellogg



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

Bruce & Mary Bergene	Brian & Teresa Bergene
Patti Hamilton	Adam Klingerman
Mike & Lisa Lamp	Sarah & Kyle Mergen
Bryce & Kellie Nelson	Debbie Retterath
Brady Voigt & Nick Strenke	Shari Wagner
Kerry Webber	Geneva Hamilton
Bob & Marlene Hanson	Rick Hinz
Bryant & Ann Hokeness	Lahoma Retterath
Justin & Lynnette Gerber	Amy Mandler
Paige & Karsen Ulwelling	Katlin Koenigs

Communion Clean-UpApril 5th & 19th**Deliver Meals on Wheels**April 6th through 17th
(Mondays & Wednesdays)**Coffee Hour**April 12th, 19th & 26th
(Not April 5th – that is LYO)**YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS****Confirmation News**

Watch for details regarding help during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Mark your Calendars—Confirmation Sunday is May 3rd.

April 1st—No Class

April 8th—Regular Class—Meal Kenyon Family

April 15th—Regular Class—Meal Felten Family

April 22nd—Regular Class—Meal Smith/Elkins Family

April 29th—Regular Class—Meal McKay Family

The 8th Grade class will make stoles on April 8th and banners on April 15th. A parent or adult must attend.

**Little Cedar Sunday School News**

Great job singing on Palm Sunday! We do not have class on Easter Sunday.



We will have regular class on April 12th and 19th. We will have Appreciation Sunday during Worship on April 26th and our End of Year Party following worship!

Youth & Education News

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *April 5 Sunrise—Usher: Lane, Greeter & Communion: Sadie
- *April 5 Regular—Usher: Payton, Greeter: Sophie
- *April 12—Usher: Sadie, Greeter: ?
- *April 19—Usher: Harper, Greeter & Communion: Lane
- *April 26—Usher: Sadie, Greeter: Payton



Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- *April 5—Usher: Aria, Communion: Addie
- *April 12—Usher: Adam
- *April 19—Usher: Avery, Communion: Kenzie
- *April 26—Usher: Adam

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *April 5 Sunrise—Blakely
- *April 5 Regular—RaeLynne
- *April 12—Grayson
- *April 19—Harper
- *April 26—Adrian



Little Cedar Coffee Hour is April 5th
Easter Sunday

Little Cedar Youth Sunday is April 12th

Ushers: Beau and Mya
Readers: Lauren and Taya

Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

- April 5 Sunrise— Easton
- April 5 Regular—Wyatt
- April 19—Addie

High School News

Mark Your Calendars—Senior Sunday is May 17th



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

Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

Pastor Emmanuel updates:

Pastor shared his report. He continues to teach religion classes, while confirmation classes are on break during Lent. He really enjoys visitations and the conversations he gets to have with those individuals. Everything else is going well on his end.

Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.

- Total offering for February \$7,235.00/\$383.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- March Cause of the Month offering will be for the 150th Anniversary Celebration
- Next month – April Cause of the Month – Vacation Bible School

Motion to accept reports from Gary with a second from Adam. Motion carried.

Old Business:

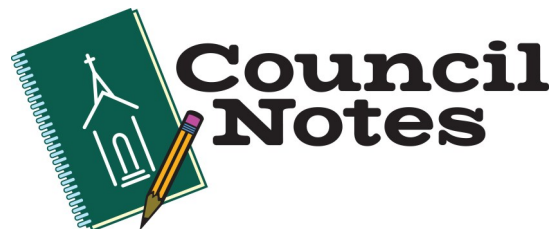
- Amber gave an overview of the meeting that the Call Committee had and the next steps that were identified.
- Amber gave an overview of where we are at with the 150th anniversary celebration. We are still looking for more volunteers to add to the committees and then will start actively planning.
- The speakers have arrived for the basement. Cory and Forrest are holding off installing them until the ceiling tiles are replaced.

New Business:

- Council decided to table the painting of the steeple for now.
- Jan brought up the idea of wanting to start a choir again. She will announce in church and see how many people are interested. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn from Gary with a second from Lesley . Meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer.

Minutes – respectfully submitted, Amber Hanson, Marshall Council Secretary



Lesley Heimer	X	Patricia Kulow (Fin. Secy)	X	Adam Chapek	X
Karina Mensink (treasurer)		Rhonda Emanuel		Forrest Himebaugh	X
Amber Hanson (Secy)	X	Pastor Emmanuel Kaghondi	X	Gary Kulow	X
Cory Grant	X	Kathy Voigt		Jan Johnson	X

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President, Holly Meyer. The Mission Statement was read. Pat Sorenson led with a devotion and prayer.

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

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

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Pat to approve the 2025 financial report to be presented at the February 15th Congregational meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: We reviewed the Marshall shared-expense report.

Building: No report this month.

Cemetery: No report this month.

Education: First Communion has started and is going well.

Life & Missions: No report this month.

Personnel: No report this month.

Youth: We will start planning for the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis soon.

Worship & Music: No report this month.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor's Report was presented.

Old Business:

1. Stewardship: We explored ideas to improve communication, encouragement, and accessibility.

New Business:

1. Installation of church council members will be on February 22nd.
2. Installation of call committee will be on March 1st.

The next council meeting will be on March 18, 2026, following the Lenten worship service. Devotions will be given by Lyndsey. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Mandt ~ Council Secretary

