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January 2021



Matthew 2:1-2,9-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



Happy New Year Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

Well, let's hope that 2021 will be a better year! In spite of all of this, we have tried to make the best of a bad situation. I hope and pray that you have found some joy and blessings in 2020! With another year also comes Epiphany, which is always on January 6th. We have the 12 days of Christmas, and then Epiphany. Among other things, we commemorate the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem.

So we have these magi, or wise men, or three kings. Whatever you want to call them. They bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (How do you spell those...? Good thing I have spellcheck.) These were gifts that were fit for a king. The three gifts had a spiritual meaning: gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) as a symbol of death.

We laugh and chuckle at the ridiculous gifts that the magi bring. Couldn't they find some more practical gifts...? But this was no ordinary child. This is the promised child. This is the messiah. This is the savior of the world. This is Emmanuel, God is with us!

Peace and blessings! *Pr. Jeremy*



Important Dates

January 1st
Happy New Year

January 6th
Marshall Council

January 20th
Little Cedar Council

January 24th
Annual Meetings



*****ANNUAL MEETINGS*****

**LITTLE CEDAR & MARSHALL
SUNDAY JANUARY 24TH**

AT THE TIME OF THIS PRINTING THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION ON HOW IT WILL BE SET-UP EXAMPLE-VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS, OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, AND OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER UPDATES.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR REPORTS INTO THE OFFICE BY WEDS., JANUARY 13TH.



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

Liam Kiefer ~ Brian Herbert ~ Curt Lewison ~ Tim Dahle
Lahoma Retterath ~ Jim Bustad ~ Wayne Underdahl
Gloria Mallory ~ Terry Emanuel ~ Alice Koball



Funerals @ Little Cedar
Ramona Hanson

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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Finally, the last month of 2020! In the curriculum, we learned about Tyler the Triangle, 9 and 10, color red, letters J and K -made koala bear puppets and jingle bell necklaces. We loved playing with homemade gingerbread play doh. Smelt so yummy! Our community helpers were police officers. We made high fives and gave them to the Austin Police Department. The excitement was great from the children when they found out where the papers were going. We learned about Egypt and camels in the "around the globe" portion, acted out the nativity with the children and had a pizza party and sugar decorating at our Christmas party. Parents took home homemade, wooden snowboys/girls the size of their child (ren) for their Christmas gift. They turned out perfectly with the help from Adams Builder Supply who cut and delivered the wood chunks. We are hoping to stay happy and healthy throughout the next year.

Bring on 2021!!!

Kate Wiste ~

Little Cedar Daycare Director



COVID NEWS

Here is an update on new changes that have been made to help keep our members and community safe.

1. If in the building, you **must wear a mask.**
2. Worship is now Virtual

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 \$25 will be added for the extra sanitizing that will have to be done after your group leaves the building.



► **Attention Thrivent Members** ~ This is a reminder that your "Choice Dollars" must be renewed each year. Please be sure to contact your representative soon.

Cause of the Month for January



Marshall

"Salvation Army"

Little Cedar

TBD

*Worship
with us
from*
HOME

**WE WILL CONTINUE WITH
VIRTUAL WORSHIP UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

♥ **STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY**

Little Cedar Sunday School

Stay tuned to your email and our new Facebook page for information. We hope to be back to in-person Sunday School January 10th.

Confirmation News

Stay tuned to your email and text messages for Confirmation updates. We plan to have virtual class on January 6th and return to in-person class on January 13th.

Little Cedar & Marshall Senior High Youth Group

We miss being able to gather as a group. Stay tuned to text messages for plans for January.

Come & Go Bridal Shower
for Sarah Nelson



When: Saturday January 9th
Time : 9:30am to 11:30am
Where: Little Cedar
Fellowship Hall

Sarah is registered at
Target & Amazon



"Because he works from home. That's why we never see God in person."

Make time less precious. We are way too efficient, making use of every hour, every minute. When you were a kid, didn't you just spend hours poking sticks in the mud, climbing trees and sitting in them, looking at shells and seaweed that washed up on the shoreline? Time was not precious then, we weren't trying to stuff an accomplishment into every minute every day, we had time for thoughts and feelings. That was good! Caterina Fake

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, **November 18, 2020**, at 7:30 pm., in person and Zoom. Present: Becky Hartwig, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Vicki Kiefer, Carol Matheis, Spencer Medgaarden, Chris Roser, Carrie Sorgatz, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Mary Conroy. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Carol Matheis. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Carol gave devotions.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Millie Weness, seconded by Becky Hartwig that the minutes be accepted as printed. Carried.

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Winona Campus Ministry for a contribution, LSS of Iowa thanking for a storm relief donation and Karen and Russell Anderson for the goodie bag.

Treasurer's Report: Millie reviewed the treasurer's report and reported on the meatball dinner. The net income from the meatball dinner will be around \$6600. There are still a few bills to pay. A motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Lynn Johnson to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Building: Pastor will contact Southland Construction to repair the door leading outdoors from the daycare.

Daycare: The daycare is doing well. There was discussion if we had to close again because of illness.

Finance: The committee is working on the 2021 budget.

Personnel: Tara is on jury duty and wanted clarification of pay if chosen for a jury and misses work.

Youth and Ed.: The Confirmation classes are now meeting by Zoom.

Worship and Music: Linda Logsdon has made two new altar cloths for LC. One is for Christmas and the other to be used when we need white. Motion by Becky Hartwig, seconded by John Jax to purchase plexi-glass for the top of the altar to protect the altar cloth from wine, etc. spills. The payment to come from the memorial fund. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Face to face visits are on hold for now, so Pastor will be calling and texting shut-ins.

Outstanding Business:

Sabbatical Committee: Two people from Marshall have volunteered to help Pastor write his sabbatical application. He's looking for two volunteers from Little Cedar. Suggestions were given.

New Business:

FYI: Five hand sanitizers and social distancing floor stickers have been installed in the building. The purchases were made with a COVID money shared by the City of Adams.

The staff and some council members are looking into the purchase of a new bookkeeping and records system. More study is needed.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. Chris Roser will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, *Jan Weness*

To be approved at the next council meeting in December.



Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.
<p><i>Pastor Jeremy updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation being held by Zoom until school is back in session. Going fairly well. • St. John's no real update moving slowly with planning and future state. Group agrees to mentor if/when the need arises Suggest St. John's reach out to Pastor if there's something we can help with (WELCA, communication, etc.) No work on Intern application, due in February.
<p>Secretary's and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total offering for November \$5590.00/\$160.00 COM—Gerard Academy. • December Cause of the Month offering will be for Cancer Telethon. • Salaries to be paid as normal for November/December with bonus deferred for the end o year. Motion to approve salaries, as noted, from Gary with second from Kevin. Motion carried. <p>Motion to accept reports from Gary, group endorsed by vote. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to current COVID action plan. • Christmas Eve Services—MN shutdown will run through 12/18. Very unlikely preplanning would be possible with a couple days turnaround should things open back up. Dale will look for recording from last Christmas Eve service and Pastor will consider pre-recording or taping an event. <p>Dinner delivered to the Salvation Army in November for drive through meals. Thanks to Tricia and Gary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Jeremy submitted 'l
<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive through Nativity on Sunday Dec. 12th for a couple of hours. Marshall to provide Mary/Joseph and “manger” type of structure if possible. • Free will offering for Mower County back-pack program. • Group agrees to continue “Focus on the Family” bulletin inserts for 2021 at cost of \$96.00 year. • Nominating committee for 2021 — Tricia, Gus, Craig. Members completing term in 2020—Rod, Linda, Donna • 2020 Audit in January — Len & Tricia • Budget draft for review in December.
<p>Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Andrew Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.</p>

