

Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches
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January

2024



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God's work. Our hands.



Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

I DON'T CALL THEM
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

I PREFER THE TERM:
CASUAL PROMISES
TO MYSELF THAT
I AM UNDER NO LEGAL
OBLIGATION TO FULFILL

Happy New Year Little Cedar and Marshall Churches!

I missed the snow this Christmas. Didn't quite seem like Christmas this year without it. It has been a strange winter so far this year. Unseasonable warm and rain on Christmas. However, as I write this article, it is cold outside and finally feeling like winter. Now all we need is snow!

I love the changing of the seasons and the rhythm of nature. The trees are bare. The prairie land has gone dormant. Many of the creatures have gone into hiding. It is a cycle of death and rebirth. Without winter, spring and summer wouldn't be what they are.

We have seasons in life as well. Fall and the holiday season can get very busy. And I love it. So many fun and meaningful times. We also need times of quiet as well. Times of rest are necessary. Creation needs to rest and so do we. In the midst of winter, creation only appears to be dormant. Underneath life is still brewing, ready to burst forth at the first sight of spring. We need purposeful times of rest so that we can be ready to burst forth and bear fruit again.

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

January 3rd

Marshall Council

January 14th

Marshall Annual Meeting

January 21st

Little Cedar Annual Meeting

January 24th

Little Cedar Council

Annual Meeting Dates

Marshall Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Reports are due in the office by January 10th



Little Cedar Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Reports are due in the office by January 17th



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

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

Amy (Sprau) Lewison ~ Tami Heimer ~ Wayne Robertson ~ Larry Underdahl
Steve Bamrick ~ Ron Voigt ~ Karen Fasbender ~ Mavis Wermager
Mason Meyer ~ Cindy Hamilton ~ Jean Munson ~ Bob Hanson (E)

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

Weddings

LC: Mikayla Emanuel & Andrew Shutrop December 2, 2023

Funerals

LC: Curtis Lewison Died 12/17/2023 Funeral 12/21/2023

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 Bible Study

Pastor Jeremy will be leading a Bible Study "Odds & Ends"

beginning Thurs. ~ Jan. 11th

@ 9:00am @ Little Cedar.

We will look at the not so familiar books of the Bible. No need to sign up.

\$\$\$ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS\$\$\$

This is a reminder to designate your Choice Dollars for the New Year. Choice Dollars for the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year.



Maynard would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown to him during and after his surgery. The food, cards, prayers etc. were very much appreciated.

Daycare News



Congratulations and prayers to our Daycare Director, Emily, and her family, Jordan and big sister Charlotte on the birth of their son Layne Herbert on December 27th. All is going well and the whole daycare is so excited to meet him.



Thank you to all who purchased a Poinsettia at both Little Cedar & Marshall. You make take them home whenever you wish.

worship WITH US

**Cedar Court Living
Worship Service**

A church service is hosted at the Cedar Court Living on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 2:00pm. We meet in the large dining room that is adjacent to the main entrance. Cookies, coffee, and juice are served following the service. Pastor Jeremy and Pastor Jackie take turns leading the service. You are welcome to join us for the service. The residents enjoy having visitors join them for the service. Also, if you would like to volunteer to serve goodies and coffee, please talk to Pastor Jeremy.

♥MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH♥

JANUARY

"THE LANDING"

TEEN HOMELESS MINISTRY



Little Cedar Service Group #4
Chairs: Scott & Tammy McMasters
and Dave & Millie Weness

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| Carol Matheis | Megan Emanuel |
| Linda & John Logsdon | Heather Felten |
| Russ & Joanne Hamilton | Cody & Kathy Kirkpatrick |
| Jim & Connie Sathre | Maggie Weis |
| Gladys Morgon | Katie Felten |
| Joe Matheis | Kayla Gilles |
| Jacina Kiefer | |

January 2024

Communion Clean-Up
January 7 & 21

Deliver Meals on Wheels
January 15 through 26

Coffee Hour
January 14, 21 & 28
(not January 7th)

Serve any functions requested



Little Cedar Readers

- January 7th—Carol Matheis**
January 14th—Easton & Juliette
January 21st—Bryce Nelsen
January 28th—Deb Fasbender



Church Council

Marshall
Wednesday, January 3rd
@ 7:30pm

Little Cedar
Wednesday, January 24th @ 7:30pm

MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH

"THE LANDING"



Make improvements, not excuses.
Seek respect, not attention.

Youth Worship Assistance

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *January 7—Usher: Addison, Greeter: Taya
Communion: Addison & parent
- *January 14—Greeter: Addie
- *January 21—Usher: Taya, Greeter: Audrey
Communion: Audrey & parent
- January 14—Greeter: Addison, Greeter: Lauren



Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- *January 7—Usher: Aria, Communion: Amy
- *January 14—Usher: Alyssa,
- *January 21—Usher: Brandt, Communion: Shannon
- *January 28—Usher: Adam



Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *January 7—Harper
- *January 14—Lane
- *January 21—Sadie
- *January 28—Harper



Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is January 14th

Ushers: Justin & Elliot
Readers: Easton & Juliette

Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

December 7—Hill/Krull Family



Little Cedar High School Helpers

- January 7—Abby
- January 21—Cameron

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Youth & Education News

Sunday School News

Regular classes resume at both churches!

Thank you so much to all who helped make our Little Cedar Christmas program a success. The kids did a great job and it was such a wonderful way to remind us what the reason of the season is.

Tara



Confirmation News

January 3—7th & 8th Grade Mentor Night—Supper, Kellogg Family

January 10—Regular Class—Supper, Stroup Family

January 17—Regular Class—Supper, Matheis Family

January 24—Regular Class—Supper, Himebaugh Family

January 31—Regular Class—Supper, Mergen Family

High School Youth Group

We were not able to have a meeting in December. Our January meeting will be on January 7th. We are going to Steeplechase sledding.

Respectfully submitted,
Ella Mensink, Secretary



Junior High Youth Group

Our next adventure is Rock Climbing. We are working on a date!

ELCA Youth Gathering—July 15 through 21, 2024

We are all registered! We have 12 students and 4 adults attending. We will schedule our Bible studies and fundraiser meeting soon.



Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.
<p>Pastor Jeremy updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jeremy will be gone on December 31st. The service will be led by members of the congregation, and it will be a mix of lessons and carols. ● Christmas in the Barn will be held at Kevin and Jill Sathre’s this Sunday, December 10th. Offering will be taken for the Southland Education Foundation and scholarships for Southland students.
<p>Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total offering for November \$2,110.00/\$381.00 for the Cause of the Month. ● December Cause of the Month offering will be for the Cancer Telethon ● Next month – January 2024 Cause of the month – The Landing <p>Motion to accept reports from Gary with second from Lonny. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The holding tank alarm was installed, and Dakota Johnson donated the alarm system. We will get a Thank You card sent to him for his donation. ● Procedures for special events for Jeremy was discussed. He will move forward with explaining to those that request his services offsite the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He will charge mileage reimbursement at the current rate, calculating from Adams. ○ An honorarium of whatever they so choose is typically given. ● The By Laws/Constitution section in Chapter 12 will be edited so that they match with the terms/limits of Members. Jeremy will make edits and send to Len for review at next month’s meeting. ● Replacements are needed for 2 council members as their terms are up. Len will be letting Tricia and Andrew know that they are on the nominating committee. ● Lonny has agreed to take care of the repairs in the basement.
<p>New Business:</p> <p>Annual Meeting date will be on January 14th, 2024.</p> <p>A Joint Finance Committee meeting with Little Cedar will be held on December 13th, with Len, Dale and Carie attending. Council discussed Christmas gifts for the Sunday School teachers and agreed to get gift cards for each of them.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn from Gary with second from Gib. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.</p>

Darrell Gordon (T)	X	Dale Himebaugh (Finan. Secy)	X	Lonny McKay (T)	X
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Jan Johnson	X	Gib Siemers (T)	X
Amber Hanson (Secy)	X	Pastor Jeremy Johnson	X	Len Mensink	X
Kevin Hanson (T)	X	Gary Kulow (D)	X	Kathy Voigt (D)	X



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, **December 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Lyndsey Hall, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Tara Mandt, Bryce Nelson, Connie Sathre, Nancy Thalberg, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness. Absent: Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer.

The meeting was called to order by acting chair, Tracy. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Lyndsey.

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

Correspondence: A thank you from GEV was read. The City of Adams informed us that the water rates will be going up because of a new well being drilled.

Financial Report: Motion by Jan, seconded by Bryce to accept the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Building: Joe Matheis reported on the insurance adjuster evaluating the hail damage on the shingles and roof from the 2022 hail storm. The company at first resisted payment, but now determined that we have damaged shingles, flashing and drain spouts coming to a total of \$56,000 damage. Estimates for repair will be gathered. Joe was thanked for being persistent with the insurance company.

-Daycare: A new assistant has been hired and will be acting director while Emily Billings is on maternity leave.

-Sick and Safe Mandate: It was brought to the attention of the daycare and council that a new law for earned sick and safe time will go into effect January 1, 2024. Motion by Bryce, seconded by Jan to use the accrual method with one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours worked for the Earned Sick and Safe time mandate from the State. Carried.

-Education: Tara reported that she was very pleased with the Christmas program last Sunday.

-Finance: Motion by Jan, seconded by John to accept the shared expense with Marshall report. Carried.

-Life and Missions: Poinsettias and Christmas cards were delivered to members over 80.

-Youth: After school Advent event with grades 2-5 was very successful. Forty-two students attended.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will be gone the Sunday after Christmas.

Outstanding Business: Motion by Nancy seconded by Tara to purchase 6 new tables for the Fellowship Hall from the Klautt memorial money. Carried.

New Business:

-Date for Annual Meeting: Motion by Bryce, seconded by Lyndsey that the annual meeting be held on Sunday, January 21st immediately after worship. Carried.

-Staff Christmas Gifts: Motion by Nancy, seconded by Connie to give each of our 5 staff members \$100 as a Christmas gift from the congregation. Carried.

-2024 Proposed Budget: Motion by Bryce, seconded by John to take the proposed budget to the congregation at the annual meeting for approval. Carried.

-Donation to LYO: Motion by Jan, seconded by Connie to give \$1000 to LYO fund. Carried.

The next meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Jan will give devotions. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary

