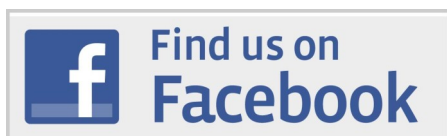


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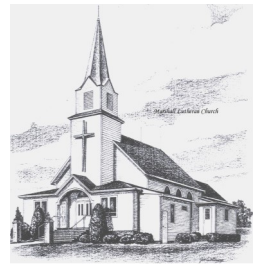
Bible E Study: If you would like to be included on the Online Bible E Study, please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on the list to receive weekly



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The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.



Happy Advent Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

Advent is upon us! We begin to become busy as we prepare for Christmas. Although it can get busy, I also find it a fun and joyous time of the year. I'm particularly excited for Christmas this year. We went out Christmas shopping before Thanksgiving this year, which is a bit unusual. I've also had fun decorating my house with lights this year.

I gave you the Magnificat above. It is one of my favorite parts to sing from the Holden Evening Prayer service. The Magnificat is the prayer that Mary says in response to hearing the words that she shall give birth to the promised child. These words are a beautiful reminder of the Good News that Jesus brings. It is a message of hope, love, joy, and peace!

Through all of the busyness, may we remember and take time to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to set aside time to prepare yourself for the birth of Christ. Be sure to join us in worship as we head into Advent, and we take time to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus!

Wishing you a blessed, fun, fulfilling, and safe Holiday season this year!

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

December 6th

Marshall Council

December 10th

Marshall

Sunday School Program

December 17th

Little Cedar

Sunday School Program

December 20th

Little Cedar Council

Sunday School Programs

Marshall December 10th @ 10:30am

Little Cedar December 17th @ 9:00am



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Morning @ Marshall @ 10:30am

Christmas Eve @ Little Cedar @ 5:00pm

Christmas Eve @ Marshall @ 7:30pm



December
2023

♥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

Ron Voigt ~ Karen Fasbender ~ Mavis Wermager

Shirley Schroeder ~ Mason Meyer



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.

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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****Attention Marshall Members****

The Annual **Potluck Dinner** and Caroling will be held on

Sunday, December 3rd



Immediately following worship will be a Potluck Dinner (Bring a Dish to Pass).

Christmas in the Barn

December 10, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

Kevin and Jill Sathre Farm
66765 140th St. Adams, MN

Go back to a simpler time with this unique ecumenical service, featuring a narration of the Christmas story, the Johnsbury choir leading us in familiar carols and hymns, and hot cocoa and cider, all set in the rustic and cozy atmosphere of a barn. An offering will be taken during the service that will go to support our students through the Southland Education Foundation.



~Prayer Pals~



Little Cedar Prayer Pals will meet
Sat. Dec. 16th @ Bubbles @ 9:30am

Daycare News



In November, the kids learned about Circles, the color Yellow, Thanksgiving, and the letters D and E. We discussed the meaning of thanksgiving and shared what we are all thankful for. The daycare has been looking to hire a new assistant and we hired Emily Hofner! To end the month we had a Thanksgiving party and ate lots of yummy food. The daycare is preparing for Christmas by putting up decorations and doing a tree for the Adams Festival of Trees.



Emily Billings
Daycare Director

It's time to order Poinsettia's



Forms are available in the church

Narthex at Little Cedar and in the entryway at Marshall. Fill it out and place it in Kathy's Office or at Marshall give to Pastor Jeremy.

Cost will be \$12.00 make your checks out to

Little Cedar Church.

Deadline for ordering will be Dec 15th

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♥

DECEMBER

"CANCER TELETHON"



Christ in our Home Daily Devotionals are now available in the entryway at both Little Cedar and Marshall.

Daily Devotions

Little Cedar Service Group #2

**Chairs: Becky & Ken Hartwig and
Nicole & Spencer Medgaarden**



Deb Fasbender	LeRoy & Karen Swanson
Linda Gilles	Alice Wiste
Lori & Brian Hill	Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz
Dixie Rose	Kate Wiste
June Hanson	Becca Schmitz
Richard Hinz	Del & Marge Sorgatz
Randy & Janet Stephenson	Bryant & Ann Hokeness

December 2023

Communion Clean-Up
December 3 & 24 (5pm Service)

Deliver Meals on Wheels
December 18 through 29
*Not December 25

Coffee Hour
December 10, 17 & 31
(not December 3rd or 24th)

Serve any functions requested



Little Cedar Readers

December 3rd—Earl Orvik
December 10th—Micah & Wyatt
December 17th—Christmas Program
December 24th—Christmas Eve
December 31st—Joni Osmundson



*Church
Council*

Marshall
Wednesday, December 6th
@ 7:30pm

Little Cedar
Wednesday, December 20th @ 7:30pm

MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH

"CANCER TELETHON"

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.

Did I remember
to take the price
tag off my gift?



Little

Youth Worship Assistance

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *December 3—Usher: Taya, Greeter: Addie
Communion: Taya & parent
- *December 10—Greeter: Addison
- *December 31—Usher: Lauren, Greeter: Addie



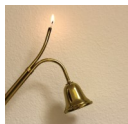
Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- *December 3—Usher: Brandt, Communion: Ella
- *December 17—Usher: Adam, Communion: James
- *December 31—Usher: James



Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *December 5—Sadie
- *December 12—Harper
- *December 31—Lane



Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is December 10th

Ushers: Brad & Coltan
Readers: Micah & Wyatt



Little Cedar Senior High Coffee Hour

December 3—Jacina Kiefer —Adelyn & Nolan

Little Cedar High School Helpers

- December 3—Cody
- December 17—Brad (Greeter)
Adelyn & Beau (Usher)

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

Marshall Christmas Program—December 10

Little Cedar Christmas Program—December 17

No Sunday School at either church on December 24th and December 31st.



Confirmation News

December 5—Regular Class—Supper, Heimer Family

December 13—Regular Class—Supper, Sathre Family

December 20—No Class for Christmas Break

December 27—No Class for Christmas Break

High School Youth Group

Our November meeting was on the 19th. We went to Newt's in Rochester for lunch and then to the Escape Challenge. We had 19 kids so we needed 2 rooms. Both groups finished in time. We did the Grinch Who Almost Stole Christmas and Frank N Stein's Lab. Our next meeting is on December 10th—we will make Christmas Cards and attend the Christmas in the Barn Event.

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

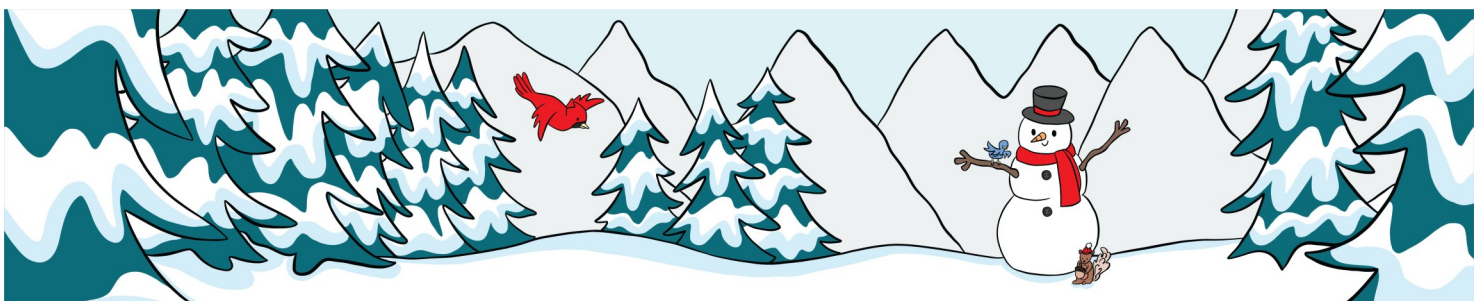
We are all registered! We have 12 students and 4 adults attending. We will schedule our Bible studies and fundraiser meeting soon.



Minutes – respectfully submitted by Amber Hanson, Marshall Secretary

Topics
Meeting was called to order by Len Mensink, President.
Pastor Jeremy updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy is taking the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the Sunday of New Years' Eve off. Pulpit supply is lined up for the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and on New Year's Eve members will lead the service.
Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total offering for October \$2,782.22/\$420.00 for the Cause of the Month. • November Cause of the Month offering will be for Gerard Academy • Next month – December Cause of the month – Cancer Telethon Motion to accept reports from Gary -----with second from Darrell. Motion carried.
Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale let Dakota Johnson and Koenigs Electric know that it was approved to purchase the alarm system. • Membership list was reviewed, and Tom Kiefer will be added, along with Chris Kiefer and his two children.
New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council discussed some procedures for reimbursement for Jeremy for special events and will discuss again at next month's meeting. • Gary will reach out to another contractor regarding the work in the basement. • Dale will check the Christmas candle light supply and let Kathy know if any are needed for Christmas Eve service. • Council discussed offering envelopes and moving to generic blank envelopes that are kept at the church. Gary made a motion to try using the generic envelopes and Jan seconded. Motion carried. • Salvation Army is looking for people to help serve a meal on November 14th. Let Gary know if you would like to help. • Jeremy and Tara are doing a kids club on Tuesday, November 28th after school.
Motion to adjourn from Kathy with second from Lonny. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Darrell Gordon (T)	X	Dale Himebaugh (Finan. Secy)	X	Lonny McKay (T)	
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, November 15, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Lyndsey Hall, John Jax, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Spencer Medgaarden, Holly Meyer, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness. Absent: Bryce Nelson, Tara Mandt, Tracy Smith, Connie Sathre. Holly called the meeting to order. The mission statement was read in unison. Nancy gave devotions.

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

Treasurer's Report: Lyndsey reported a negative \$-18,000 cash flow for the year so far. An email will be sent to members of the congregation with this concern and a request to remember the church in their donations. Motion by Jan, seconded by Nancy to approve the report as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports:

-Building: The parking lot has been sealed.

-Finance: The council reviewed the shared expense report

-Education: High school and middle school religious release classes have begun with good attendance.

-Personnel: The committee met with all employees. They reviewed job descriptions of each employee.

-Life and Mission: We will be sponsoring Christmas in the Barn again on Sunday, December 10, at the Kevin and Jill Sathre farm.

-Youth: LYO will be going to an escape room on Sunday. Pastor and Tara are sponsoring an Advent event for Kids Club grades 2-5.

-Worship and Music: Christmas Eve morning (Sunday) worship service will be at Marshall church only at 10:30 and Christmas Eve evening service will be at Little Cedar.

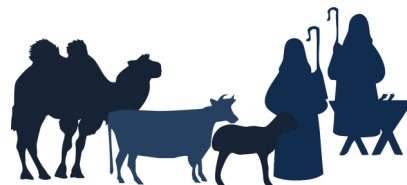
Old Business: None

New Business:

-Computer: Motion by Jan, seconded by Lynn to purchase Kathy a new laptop for the office using undesignated memorial funds for the purchase. Carried.

The next meeting is December 20, at 7:30 p.m. Lyndsey will give devotions. The Good Gifts tree and tree for hats and gloves donations will be up in December. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jan Weness, Secretary
Little Cedar Council



Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there



Poinsettia Order Form~2023

Little Cedar

Marshall

Please fill out and bring to the church office.

Given by _____

In Memory In Honor _____

I would like _____ Poinsettia/s
(number you wish to order)

Cost is \$12.00 per plant. Please enclose money with your order form.

Make checks payable to Little Cedar Church.

Deadline to order is December 13, 2023.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE

A "ELCA Good Gifts Tree" will be set up with tags to buy farm animals, back packs and various other items that they are in need of.

Here is what you need to do.

- 1.) Take the tag off the tree.
- 2.) Put the money in the envelope provided please write on the envelope what you are donating for (ex. Chicks, goat, water jug...) on your envelope.
- 3.) Drop it in the basket.
- 4.) Take your ornament home with you to hang on your tree.

MITTEN TREE

THE MITTEN TREE WILL SOON BE UP AT LITTLE CEDAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MITTENS, SCARVES, HATS, OR SOCKS.

THE SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF **NEW** STORE BOUGHT DURABLE GLOVES & MITTENS FOR ELEMENTARY & ADOLESCENT CHILDREN. JUST BRING THEM IN AND PLACE THEM ON THE TREE OR UNDER THE TREE.