

April 2016

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse







Luke 15:20-24

²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

I find myself right now visiting with classmates at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA. For those of you that don't know, Wartburg is where we went for seminary, and spent 3+ years of our life. After being out serving as a pastor for 3 years you are invited back to talk about how things are going and receive some continuing education. And so, it has been 3 years!!! And here I am reconnecting with my classmates, faculty, and staff.

Wartburg is where much of my formation as a pastor occurred, and so I have a strong connection to this place in my faith journey. Visiting Wartburg then is not only a time to connect with classmates and faculty, but also an opportunity to spend time with God; to reconnect with God.

The reading above is from the Parable of the Prodigal Son. When the Son comes home, he throws his arms around his father and embraces his father saying, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you." As the son returns to connect with his father, so we as well return to God searching for hope, care, and forgiveness.

It is important for us in our faith journeys to connect with God. In our own ways, I think we all do it on a week-to-week basis. But I think it is also important to every now and then, make a purposeful effort to connect with God. Challenge one's self to read a book of the Bible. Take up a prayer practice for a few weeks. Go for a walk and let it be a time to meditate on God. May you be blessed in your journey with God.

Peace,
Pr. Jeremy



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Important Dates

April 6th Marshall Council

April 17th

Marshall Confirmation

April 20th

Little Cedar Council

April 24th

Little Cedar Confirmation

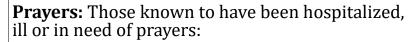


Important Dates

Confirmation Sunday at Marshall April 17th at 10:30am

Confirmation Sunday at Little Cedar April 24th at 9:00am **See Page 7 for a list of Confirmation students

Senior Sunday at Little Cedar and Marshall May 22nd at 9:00am and 10:30am respectively







Baptisms at Little Cedar: Parker Richard Gerber \sim Parents Justin & Lynnette

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

Office Hours Are: Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm

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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Quilters meet at Little Cedar

April 4th

@ 1:00pm

The People vs. Judas Iscariot

We wanted to share a few of the comments from the ballots on our trial of The People vs. Judas Iscariot. It was wonderful to hear your thoughts!

- "Judas may be guilty but he is forgiven. As will all hope to be."
- "God forgives those who ask for it."

"This is God's decision."

♥ Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary to Don & Norma Larson on April 6th. God's Blessings to you both!



You are invited to a **Come & Go Bridal Shower** for Kirsten Frydenlund, bride to be of Jon Thalberg, on Saturday, April 23rd from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the home of Jan Weness.

Bridal Shower: For Jenna Kellogg (Granddaughter of Marlene Kellogg) will be held at Marshall Church on Saturday, April 9th at 10am. All are invited♥



Zumbro River Conference Women Spring Event

April 21, 2016 — Zumbro River Conference will be held at Faith Lutheran in Dodge Center.

Cost \$12. For more information and if you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office at Little Cedar.



We celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday at the beginning of the month by eating Seuss themed foods, making (at in the Hat hats and others projects that dealt with stories from Dr. Seuss. We then celebrated St. Patrick's Day. EVERY-THING we ate was green! The kids enjoyed that! At the end of the month, the Easter Bunny dropped off treats for the daycare and they made a bunny project.



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- "Judas may be guilty but he is forgiven. As will all hope to be."
- "God forgives those who ask for it."
- "This is God's decision."
- "Judas needed to ask for forgiveness."
- "He knows he messed up. He knew it was wrong. Everybody messes up at some time of their life. Most of all, Jesus forgives."
- "Power of the cross."

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> will be Monday, June 27th through Thursday, June 30th. If you are able to help in any way, please let Tara know ASAP. What we have for helps depends on the ages we can have and the times we can offer.

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Service Group #4

Curt & Kay Lewison (582-3208) Co-Chairperson

Kristina & Joe Matheis (208-390-5074) Co-Chairperson

Gladys & Don Morgan (437-3968)

June Wolf (582-3200)

Bev Vangsness (582-3194)

Maynard Lewison (582-3324)

John & Tammy Loecher Family (582-3272)

Tara Mandt (438-2996)

Gerald & Carol Matheis (582-3469)

Patricia & Ron Milks Family (582-3037)

Larry Nerison (582-3397)

Dave & Millie Weness (582-3500)

Nancy & Scott Decker (582-3602)

David & Charlotte Anderson (582-3650)

Kent & Linda Anderson Family (582-3100)

Lyn Meany (433-0075)

Heather Felten (440-9590)

Mary Luke (437-6329)

Scott & Tammy McMasters (437-8973)

Chans & Holly Meyer (438-1376)

Marcia Mullenbach (582-7758)

Laura Retterath (438-3394)

Bryan & Terri Klaehn (582-3170)

Rod Nordeng (437-4778)

Springtime

WELCA Upcoming Events

April 21, 2016 — Zumbro River Conf., Faith Lutheran, Dodge Center.

June 25, 2016 — Good Earth Village Women's Day.

July 11-13, 2017 — Tenth Triennial Convention, Minneapolis, MN.

July 13-16, 2017 — Tenth Annual Triennial Gathering, Minneapolis

<u>April</u>

Communion Clean-up

April 3rd & 17th & 24th

Coffee Hours

April 10th, 17th & 24th

April 3rd is LYO's Coffee

24th Confirmation Sunday may need more.

Deliver Meals on Wheels April Ist & 18th thru 29th

Serve any funerals held

Your Chairperson or one of your

Co-Chairpersons will contact you with information for your service group.



Head Usher for April

Maynard Lewison 582-3324

April Readers

April 3rd Bev Bowers

April 10th Carma Sheehan

& Jacob Stephens

April 17th Steve Schroeder

April 24th Nancy Thalberg

Youth and Education News

Senior LYO

(9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on April 17th.

We are planning to see God's Not Dead 2.

Stay tuned for times and details.

R.O.C. (Junior High Students) - Our next meeting is potentially on May 1st and it is family bowling at Echo Lanes. Stay tuned for details.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> will be Monday, June 27th through Thursday, June 30th. Stay tuned for details. We will have registration forms out soon. If you are able to help in any way, please let Tara know ASAP. What we have for helps depends on the ages we can have and the times we can offer.

Thank You! Thank you to all the students who helped at church during Holy Week and all the students and parents who helped with the Easter Breakfast. We really appreciate your time.

Little Cedar Sunday School News

Teachers for April are:

April 3—Sarah Mergen & Kelsie Lamp
April 10—Gabby Smith & Sarah Mergen
April 17—Jill Sathre & Lisa Lamp
April 24—Maddie Wolff & Lani Wolff

Mark Your Calendars Seniors!

Senior Sunday will be May 22nd at both Little Cedar and Marshall.



YOUTH IN WORSHIP

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is April 10th

Ushers: Ramsey Gilson & Kelsie Lamp Readers: Carma Sheehan & Jacob Stephens

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

April 3—Dakota Johnson April 17—Cody Crumb

April Coffee Hour

Lead Family: Tracy, Angie & Gabrielle Smith Helper Family: Noah Milks

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *April 3—Khlover Schulz
- *April 10—Kiyanna Meyer
- *April 17—Eli Wolff
- *April 24—Chase Johnson



If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP.

Confirmation

Marshall Church Assistants

- *April 3—Haley Whipple
- *April 10—Kelsey Mensink
- *April 17—Alex Voigt
- *April 24—Isaac Himebaugh

Little Cedar Church Assistants

- *April 3—U: Avery Medgaarden G: Malina Luke
 - *Communion Family—Lydia Wik
- *April 10—U: Cade Sheehan G: Sara Conroy
- *April 17—U: Lexi Smith G: Ashlynn Mandt
 - *Communion Family—Dawson Gilson
 - *April 24—U: Avery Medgaarden G: Lydia Wik



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

Confirmation Meals

April 6—Bob & Jill Sheehan

April 13—Tracy & Angie Smith

April 20—Lee & Lita Luke



Congratulations to our First Communion Students!

First Communion was on Palm Sunday, March 20th at Little Cedar and Marshall.

Little Cedar

Coltan Bryan (parents Jeremy & Bonny)

Cody Krull (parents Lori and John)

Bradley Lagerstedt (parents David & Susan)

Gavin Mergen (parents Kyle & Sarah)

Hope Stephens (parent—Amy)

Marshall

Logan Fasbender (parents Shawn & Mary)
Jessie Hanson (parents Kevin & Carie)
Julia Kiefer (parents Tom and Linda)





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Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2016

Little Cedar

Sara Lynn Conroy ~ Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. (Parents Sean & Mary ~ Mentor Deb Fasbender)

Dawson Thomas Gilson ~ 2nd Peter 3:18 Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen (Parents Penny and Sean & Jill ~ Mentor Kurt Sorgatz)

Carter Eugene Johnson ~ 2nd Samuel 22:33 It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect. (Parents Brad & Maria ~ Mentor Justin Gerber)

Noah Philip Lamp ~ John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Parents Mike & Lisa ~ Mentor Steve Bamrick)

Malina Dineah Luke ~ Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Parents Lee & Lita ~ Mentor LaRena Cooley)

Ashlynn Mary Mandt ~ Ruth 1:16-17 Don't try to make me leave you and go back. Where you go I'll go. Where you stay I'll stay. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. Where you die I'll die. And there my body will be buried. I won't let even death separate you from me. If I do, may the Lord punish me greatly."

(Parents Tara & Jim ~ Mentor Kate Wiste)

Cade Michael Sheehan ~ John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. (Parents Bob & Jill ~ Mentor Lisa Lamp)

Alexis Rose Smith ~ John 13:7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." (Parents Tracy & Angie ~ Mentor Sandy Johnson)

Marshall

Isaac Forrest Himebaugh ~ Job 8:21 He will fill your mouth with laughter. Shouts of joy will come from your lips. (Parents Forrest & Kathi ~ Mentor Jim Peck)

Haley Anne Whipple ~ Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Parents Karla & Aaron ~ Mentors Jim & Connie Sathre)

Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

Marshall Church Council Minutes March 2, 2016

The Marshall Church council met on Weds., March 2nd, 2016. Members present were: Gary Kulow, Tricia Kulow, Larry Underdahl, Sarah Sprau, Craig Hanson, Forrest Himebaugh, Pastor Jeremy, Gus Johnson, Darrell Gordon, Karina Mensink, and Julie Hanson. Absent was: Jerry Sprau

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

The secretary's report from Feb. was read and Julie gave the treasurer's report. The total offering for Feb. was \$2410.08 and the Cause of the Month offering was \$198.03. Tricia gave the financial reports. Forrest moved to accept the reports, Larry seconded the motion approved.

Old Business: The final Schad Tracy bill has been paid for the cemetery sign.

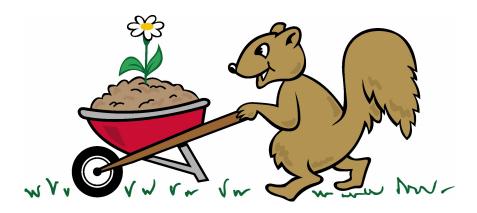
New Business: Men's Annual Lenten Pancake Breakfast will be held on Weds., March 16th at Marshall. One evening in April, Pastor Jeremy is going have a Muslim lady come and speak for a special question and answer session on the Muslim religion. Pastor will be at the Wartburg Seminary a few days the end of March for training. The March Cause of the Month is "Brevig Mission" and April's will be "Rachel's Hope". The Gerard School in Austin is looking for mentors for kids of all ages. Many of these kids don't have family and could use someone to play games with or just read with.

Gus made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded the motion.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Karina Mensink



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