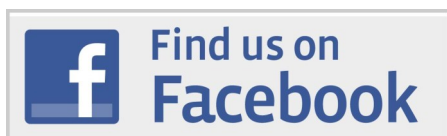


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Making Space

Be still, and know that I am God.
(Psalm 46:10).

We celebrated an Earth Day this month. And here is something I learned about loons recently. Loons build their nests within just a few feet of the shoreline. They can fly fast, but they cannot walk well on land because their legs are set too far back on their bodies for easy movement. So they need their nests to be close to the waters edge. A loon nest is often just a simple bowl of mud and vegetation, pulled together from whatever is nearby. Sometimes, they will even build on top of an old muskrat house.

And as you can imagine, because their nests are so close to the water, they are vulnerable. A sudden rise in lake levels, a big wave, or too much rain can wash everything away. And yet, the loon keeps coming back. It returns to the same territory each year, sometimes even reusing the same nest. It makes space, right at the edge of uncertainty, and trusts that space to hold new life.

There is something theological in the life of loons. Making space does not require safety or a perfect structure. It does not even require certainty. It requires trust in God and staying close to the source, even when the source is unpredictable. The Sabbath says something similar. God rested and made rest sacred (Genesis 2:3). Jesus, with all His busy schedule, still withdrew to lonely places and prayed (Luke 5:16). Making space to reflect, to be, to reconnect is how the ministry stayed alive.

So this month, as the grass greens up and outdoor activities pull us outward, where are you being called to make space for God and for yourself? Maybe it is five minutes of silence before the day accelerates. Maybe it's forgiving someone - Paul writes in Colossians 3:13, bear with each other and forgive one another. Or maybe it is being less frustrated about a corner of your yard left unmowed for the bees. None of these are grand gestures, yet they are acts of faith. Even in the smallest openings, whether in your heart and your yard, know that something good can grow.

As Paul told the Corinthians, whether we are in charge of planting the seed or watering it, it is God who makes it grow (1 Corinthians 3:6). We don't have to control what rises from the mud. We only have to build close to the source and trust that God is in control.

Make space this month. Trust in God's plans. And be still, and know that I am God."

Peace be with you all ~ *Pr. Emmanuel*

May 3rd
Confirmation

May 6th
Marshall Council Meeting

May 17th
Senior Sunday
Baccalaureate @ LC
Marshall Last Day of SS

May 20th
Little Cedar Council Meeting

Congratulations to our Graduates!
Sunday, May 17th

Senior Sunday at Little Cedar & Marshall
Southland Baccalaureate @ Little Cedar @ 4pm

Little Cedar Graduates

Wyatt Krull
Parents ~ Lori & Brian Hill
and John & Laura Krull

Juliette Matheis
Parents ~ Joe Matheis
and Jill Kaufman

Easton Meyer
Parents ~ Holly & Chans

JJ Smith
Parents ~ Tracy & Angie

Avery Stroup
Parents ~ Jon & Laura

Marshall Graduates

Sara Canterbury
Parents ~ Kristin & Jeremy

Shannon Kiefer
Parents ~ Tom Kiefer
& Linda Sendle

Amy Smith
Parents Angie & Andy



MAY

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Gordon Klaudt ~ Tami Heimer ~ June Hanson ~ Dorothy Triplett

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

Sunday School: Little Cedar 10:00am Marshall 9:30am

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Council Meetings for May

Marshall Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 6th @ 7:30pm
Little Cedar Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 20th @ 7:30pm



**MARSHALL CIRCLES
WILL MEET AT BUBBLES ON
TUES, MAY 5TH 9:30AM**



**CHRIST IN OUR HOME DAILY DEVOTIONALS
THE APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE EDITION ARE NOW
AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES IN THE ENTRYWAY.
PICK UP YOUR FAMILIES COPY TODAY!**

♥Join Us Please♥

Cedar Court Worship Services
Wednesday, May 6th @ 2:00pm
Wednesday, May 20th @ 2:00pm

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

♥Lutheran Disaster Response♥

We will be collecting money for the victims in the United States who suffered damage and loss due to the severe weather this spring. If you would like to contribute to this disaster relief, forms are available at both Little Cedar and Marshall. Please fill out the form and leave it in the office with your check made out to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
US Severe Storms

We will be collecting donations until May 31st. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Little Cedar Readers

May 3—Jan Weness

May 10—Youth

May 17—Sam Mueller

May 24—Tara Mandt

May 31—Jim Osmundson

MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH

♥MAY 2026

“United Way Backpack Program”

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

Marshall Last Day of Sunday School

When: Sunday May 17th

Potluck Dinner after worship for Confirmation,
Sunday School, and Seniors

A heartfelt thank you to my Little Cedar Sunday School families and the Little Cedar Church Council for the beautiful and generous gifts. What a crazy yet wonderful year it has been—your thoughtfulness means so much! *Tara Mandt*

May Little Cedar Service Group #2

**Chairs: Ken & Becky Hartwig, John & Cindy Jax,
and Nicole & Spencer Medgaarden,**

Deb Fasbender	Linda Gilles
Lori & Brian Hill	Steve & Audrey Schroeder
Lilly & Mark Sorenson	Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz
Randy & Janet Stephenson	Del & Marge Sorgatz
Larry & Tammy Wilson	Gladys Morgan
Jim & Joni Osmundson	Pat Sorenson
Dorothy Triplett	Emily & Jordan Harland
Megan Emanuel	Jordan & Jordyn Foster
Dave & Katie Stout	Kate Wiste
Ramsey Baker	Kayla Gilles

Communion Clean-Up

May 3rd, 17th, 31st

Deliver Meals on Wheels

May 4th through 15th
(Mondays & Wednesdays Only)

Coffee Hour

May 10th, 17th, 24th
(Not May 3rd – that is LYO)
May 17th is Senior Sunday

Serve any functions requested.

Youth & Education News

Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- *May 3—Usher: Harper, Greeter & Communion: Sophie
- *May 10—Usher: Lane, Greeter: Harper
- *May 17—Usher: Sophie, Greeter: Ruby, Communion: Lane

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *May 5 —Henley
- *May 10—Hayden
- *May 17—Willow

**Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants**

- *May 3—Usher: Addie, Communion Usher: Avery
- *May 10—Usher: Kenzie
- *May 17—Usher: Avery, Communion Usher: Addie

**Little Cedar High School
Communion Helpers**

- May 3 — Addie
- May 17— Justin

Little Cedar Coffee Hour is May 3rd

Lead Family—Lagerstedt's
Helper—Nolan Kiefer

Little Cedar Youth Sunday is April 12th

Ushers: Audrey and Lauren
Readers: Taya and Addison



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



Congratulations to our Confirmation Students who will Affirm their Baptism on May 3rd.

Little Cedar

Sophia Marie Danielson

Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

*Parents ~ Katie and Dave Stout *Mentor ~ Angie Smith

Payton Jo Foster

Psalm 28:7 “If it wasn’t for the struggles, you wouldn’t be as strong as you are today. God is always building you up, even when it feels like He’s breaking you.”

*Parents ~ Jordan and Jordyn Foster *Mentor ~ Carrie Sorgatz

Kallie Ragan Kenyon

Romans 8:28 “God’s plan for you is always the best. Sometimes the process is painful and hard. But don’t forget that, when God is silent, He’s doing something for you.”

*Parents ~ Mark and Mindy Kenyon *Mentor ~ Jill Sathre

Sadie Ann Webber

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

*Parents ~ Kerry and Matt Webber *Mentor ~ Julie Arens

Marshall

Adam Matthew Heimer

Genesis 1:25-27 “God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So, God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

*Parents ~ Lesley Heimer and Matt Heimer *Mentor ~ Dawn Kiefer

Aria Brielle Kellogg

Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl; instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

*Parents ~ Amanda and Ed Kellogg *Mentor ~ LuAnn McMahan

Meeting held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Minutes – Kathy Voigt-Sec. Pro-Temp



Topics

Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

Pastor Emmanuel updates:

- He continues making pastoral care visits with members.
- Jr. & Sr. Religion classes concluded on April 1st.
- He has attended synod meetings in addition to services at Cedar Court 2x a month.

Secretary and financial/treasurer’s reports were reviewed.

- Total offering for March \$4,125.00/\$823.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- April Cause of the Month offering will be for Vacation Bible School.
- Next month – May Cause of the Month – United Way Backpack Program

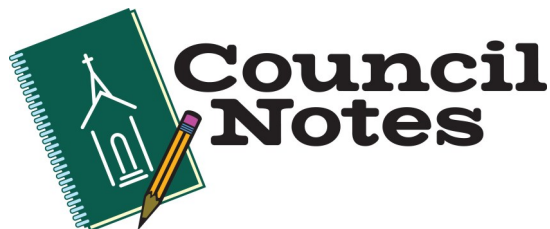
Motion to accept reports from Kathy with a second from Rhonda. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Call Committee update: Another Questionnaire will go out after Easter
- Karina gave an overview of where we are at with the 150th anniversary celebration. Members are still encouraged to sign up to help with the projects needing to be done before the Anniversary.
- Forrest shared samples of ceiling tiles for the basement dining hall and the entryway in church.

New Business:

- Jan, Tricia and Pastor attended the Council as Leaders Conference. Jan shared how much she enjoyed it and shared a book that is available on the ELCA website to download for free.



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

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 7:40 p.m. following the Lenten worship service. The meeting was called to order by President, Holly Meyer. The Mission Statement was read. Lyndsey Hall led with a devotion and prayer.

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

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Jim, to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Carried

Correspondence: We acknowledged thank you notes received.

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed January and February financial reports. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Kiyanna to approve the treasurer's report. Carried

Committee Reports:

Finance: We reviewed the Marshall shared expense report. There are 6 CDs to renew.

Building: No report this month.

Cemetery: No report this month.

Education: The Confirmation Lock-in is March 20th. First Communion Sunday is March 29th.

Life & Missions: Meeting soon to prepare Easter cards and a meal for the 80 and over.

Personnel: No report this month.

Youth: No report this month.

Worship & Music: Still in need of actors for last few Lenten skits.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor's Report was presented. The Council for Leaders conference was very good. He will continue to print his sermon as that is going well.

Old Business:

There was no old business discussed this month.



New Business:

Holly updated the council that the Congregational meeting on February 15th went well.

The staff will be updating our Servant Keeper database to include a website, live streaming and more.

The next council meeting will be on April 15, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Devotions will be given by Kiyanna. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Mandt ~ Council Secretary