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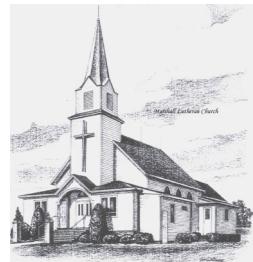
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God's work. Our hands.

# Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



## Seeing God at Work

Luke 2:15

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Last month, we reflected on "waiting."

Not 'waiting' as passive delay, but as attentiveness. This is a waiting that refuses despair. A waiting that watches for new life emerging from what appears cut down. The prophet Isaiah gave us that image: a shoot growing from the stump of Jesse - life appearing where nothing seemed possible.

This Christmas Eve, I invite you to move (from waiting) to seeing. The shoot has emerged. The light has entered the world. And now the question before us is this: do we recognize it?

We all approach a new year differently. Some of us try to see by predicting the future - the future of the economy, of the church, of our well-being, of our politics. In doing so, we pray, we set goals, we measure outcomes, we complain, we monitor our efforts. Others try to see by looking backward - examining what worked and what failed, regretting or praising, recalling hopes and disappointments, joys and sorrows. There is no right way to imagine our lives, but in all the ways we approach our Christian lives, God has already placed divine presence among us. The question is not whether God is acting, but whether we recognize where and how that action is taking place. And often, God's work does not arrive in obvious places. It appears quietly - like a candle in a dark room, like a thin line of white against black. Not enough to overwhelm the darkness in our midst, but enough to remind us that darkness does not have the final word.

The shepherds saw what others overlooked. The wise ones followed a sign others ignored.

Joseph saw love where others saw shame. Mary saw nothing of herself except her availability to God's service. Again and again, God chooses to meet us right here - in the ordinary, the fragile, the socially vulnerable places of our lives, and invites us to see.

Can you see God at work? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Grace and peace,

**Pastor Emmanuel**



January 7th  
Marshall Council

January 18th  
Marshall Annual Meeting

January 25th  
Little Cedar Annual Meeting

January 28th  
Little Cedar Council

# ANNUAL MEETING



## Annual Meeting Dates and Deadlines

Marshall, January 18th following worship

Deadline for reports is January 14th

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Little Cedar, January 25th following worship

Deadline for reports is January 21st



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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

Del Sorgatz ~ Tami Heimer

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

### Funeral

† Little Cedar: Dean Tipton ~ December 15th



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 January

Marshall Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 7th @ 7:30pm

Little Cedar Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 28th @ 7:30pm



### MARSHALL CIRCLES

WILL MEET AT BUBBLE'S ON

TUESDAY JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00AM



### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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HAS BEEN CANCELED?

PLEASE TUNE INTO KAAL TV  
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Thank you to all the students and helpers who made the Little Cedar Christmas Program such a success, and to the Youth who helped make the Christmas Eve Service at Little Cedar and Marshall so wonderful. You are all such a blessing to our churches.

A heartfelt thank you as well to everyone who shared cards and gifts this Holiday Season! They truly brighten my day!



Tara Mandt

### MARSHALL CAUSE OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2026

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“GOOD EARTH VILLAGE”

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

**November 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	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**

January 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**

January 12<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Coffee Hour**

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

(Not January 4<sup>th</sup> – that is LYO)  
(January 25th is our Annual Mtg)

**Serve any functions requested.**

**Little Cedar Readers**

**January 4—Bryce Nelson**

**January 11—Youth**

**January 18—Jan Weness**

**January 25—John Logsdon**

**YOUTH AND EDUCATION NEWS****Confirmation News**

January 7th—Mentor Night (7th & 8th Grade)—Meal, Kellogg Family  
 January 14th—Regular Class—Meal, Felten Family  
 January 21st—Regular Class—Meal, Smith/Elkins Family  
 January 28th—Regular Class—Meal, Heimer Family

**Marshall Sunday School News**

Great job on the Christmas Program! We look forward to finishing up the school year with great success!

**Little Cedar Sunday School News**

What a wonderful job at the Miracle in the Manger Christmas Program!  
 Our January Sunday School schedule is a little off. We will resume class on January 11th. January 18th and 25th are being discussed. Stay tuned to your email for details!

# Youth & Education News

## Little Cedar Confirmation Church Assistants

- \*January 4—Usher: Sadie, Greeter & Communion: Kallie
- \*January 11—Usher: Kallie, Greeter: Sophia
- \*January 18—Usher: Sophie, Greeter & Communion: Harper
- \*January 25—Usher: Lane, Greeter: Sophia



## Marshall Middle & High School Church Assistants

- \*January 4—Usher: Kenzie, Communion: Lillian
- \*January 11—Usher: Addie
- \*January 18—Usher: Adam, Communion: Alex
- \*January 25—Usher: Aria

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*January 4—Harper
- \*January 11—Parker
- \*January 18—RaeLynne
- \*January 25—Blakely



## Little Cedar High School Communion Helpers

- January 4—Taya
- January 18—Lauren

## Little Cedar Coffee Hour is January 4th

Jon, Laura, Avery, and Audrey Stroup



## Little Cedar Youth Sunday is January 11th

Ushers: Easton and Avery

Readers: Audrey and Juliette

# USHERS

THIS  
MONTH



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

Meeting was called to order by Forrest Himebaugh, President.

**Pastor Emmanuel updates:**

- Things are going well for Pastor as he continues to visit members and share in Religion and Confirmation classes.
- Donations were delivered to Central Lutheran. One note for next year is to ensure there is organization and a plan to get everything to the facility as well as have volunteers to help work there.

**Secretary and financial/treasurer's reports were reviewed.**

- Total offering for November \$2,596.45/\$532.00 for the Cause of the Month.
- December Cause of the Month offering will be for the Eagles Cancer Telethon.
- Next month – January- Cause of the month will be for Good Earth Village.

Motion to accept reports from Lesley with second from Cory. Motion carried.



**Old Business:**

Mulch for the playground will wait until Spring 2026. Pastor would like to dedicate the arc sometime in the Spring.

- Microphone has been fixed upstairs. Cory will still look into replacing the speakers downstairs.
- The Bishop is available in September 2026 for the 150th celebration. The committee will meet after the first of the year to discuss specific dates and details.
- Some rock has been placed over the culvert. Kathy will reach out to Marshall Township to get more rock placed to fill in the gaps.
- The Salvation Army meal went well. It was discussed to switch up the menu for next year.

**New Business:**

- Call Committee volunteers so far are Sarah McKay and Kathy Voigt. We will put in the bulletin and announce in church that we are looking for more volunteers. Pastor recommended that we look for a youth to participate on the committee for their perspective.
- Amber agreed to continue as the council secretary for 2026.
- Marshall Annual Meeting will be January 18th , 2026 after church. WELCA will provide lunch.
- December 7th , 2025 after church will be a potluck and caroling.

Lesley Heimer	X	Patricia Kulow (Fin. Secy)	X	Lonny McKay	X
Carie Hanson (treasurer)	X	Rhonda Emanuel		Forrest Himebaugh	X
Amber Hanson (Secy)	X	Pastor Emmanuel Kaghondi	X	Adam Chapek	X
Kevin Hanson	X	Cory Grant	X	Kathy Voigt	X

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on **Wednesday, December 17, 2025**, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Holly. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Dixie. Present: Pastor Emanuel, Jim Johnson, Tara Mandt, Joe Matheis, Holly Meyer, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Pat Sorenson, Jan Weness. Absent: Lyndsey Hall, Spencer Medgaarden.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Jim, seconded by Tara to accept the report as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** No printed report available.

**Committee Reports:**

-Building: Joe reported on the progress of changing electronic systems. Most of the changes will take place after the holidays.

-Finance: The council reviewed the shared expense report.

Education: The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 21.

-Life and Missions: Poinsettias are labeled and ready to be delivered.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Emanuel's printed report is attached. He reports that he has visited and made phone calls, and spent time those in care facilities. He's enjoying religion classes and mentions how welcomed and valued our young people feel in our building. Pastor will help lead our congregation through the call process as we do a self-study and prepare to call a new pastor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

-Nominating Committee: The council members are working to get four nominees for the council for 2026.

-Call Process and Committee Members: Holly reviewed the printed materials from the Synod to get the call process started and a timeline for the process.

-Annual Meeting Date: The 2026 annual meeting will be Sunday, January 28, immediately after the worship service.

-First Communion: Tara requested that we change the age of First Communion to third grade. Motion by Bryce, seconded by Pat, that in 2026, we begin having First Communion in third grade. Carried.

-2026 Proposed Budget: After review, motion by Bryce, seconded by Pat to accept the proposed budget and present it at the annual meeting for acceptance. Carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28. Devotions will be given by Tara. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Jan Weness

