



# March 2016



## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### Luke 2:25-35

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

I dare ya! Last year I challenged you to read the Gospel of Mark during Lent. Well, this year during worship we will hear many of our Gospel readings from Luke. Therefore, I give you the even bigger challenge of reading the Gospel of Luke during lent this year! Luke is 24 chapters long, and so that means you'll have to read just more than half a chapter each day.

Of course, some say that Luke is the best Gospel. Everyone has his or her favorite Gospel. And Luke was in fact a very good author. In many ways he was a very eloquent writer, and gives a well-crafted account of Jesus' life. Luke has a few passages that you can't find in the other Gospels.

For example, the parable of The Good Samaritan. You can never go wrong with this parable. It is a teaching from Jesus that I'm sure captured the imagination of its readers centuries ago, and still captures our imaginations today. No matter where we find ourselves, we encounter people and know people who we may not consider or want to be our neighbors. Everyone is challenged to show kindness to the "neighbors" in their life.

We are always challenged by scripture. We are pushed beyond our comfort zone and pushed to take risk. We are encouraged to show compassion and mercy to those we encounter. We are challenged to share God's great love for the world. That is the nature of Jesus, and the message we hear in scripture.

Peace,  
*Pr. Jeremy*



**Important Dates**

**March 2nd**

Marshall Council

**March 16th**

Little Cedar Council

**March 20th**

1st Communion

**March 24th**

Maundy Thursday

@ Marshall

**March 25th**

Good Friday

@ Little Cedar

**March 27th**

Easter Sunday

**March 28th**

Office Closed

**Lenten Wednesday Services Schedule**

**Soup Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm**

**March 2nd ~ Marshall**

**March 9th ~ Little Cedar**

**March 16th ~ Marshall**

**March 24th ~ Maundy Thursday @ Marshall 7pm**

**March 25th ~ Good Friday @ Little Cedar @ 7pm**

**Easter Worship Schedule March 27th**

**Sunrise Service 6:30am @ Little Cedar**

**Followed by Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Easter Worship Service 9:00am @ Little Cedar**

**Easter Worship Service 10:30am @ Marshall**

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

Dale Himebaugh ~ Tammy Wilson  
 Steve Vangsness ~ Norma Larson ~ Dan Morgan  
 Arvis Gunderson ~ Raeann Kane ~ Mary Fasbender



**Funerals at Marshall:**

Wayne Johnson

**Baptisms at Little Cedar:**

Hudson John Kana ~ Timothy & Bailey Kana

**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

March 7th  
@ 1:00pm

**\$\$\$LITTLE CEDAR FINANCIAL REPORT\$\$\$**

Beginning Bal.	\$6,954.00
Income thru 2-28-16	\$21,292.00
<u>Expenses thru 2-28-16</u>	<u>-\$35,625.00</u>
Balance 2-28-16	-\$7,379.00

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday @ Marshall**  
March 24th @ 7pm

**Good Friday @ Little Cedar**  
March 25th @ 7pm

**Easter Sunrise Service @ Little Cedar**  
March 27th @ 6:30am

**Easter Breakfast @ Little Cedar**  
March 27th 7:30am—8:30am

**Easter Worship Service @ Little Cedar**  
March 27th @ 9am

**Easter Worship Service @ Marshall**  
March 27th @ 10:30am

**THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT  
LITTLE CEDAR OR MARSHALL ON  
EASTER SUNDAY**

**DAY CARE NEWS**

We had a Valentine's Day party in our pajamas this month that the kids really enjoyed. We learned about the Presidents for President's Day and Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Groundhog's Day and dental health. We had a teeth brushing contest where the children received a gift for brushing their teeth day and night for a whole week courtesy of Dr. Green, & Elrod from Austin which also just opened an office in Adams.

**As Girl Scouts celebrate Girl Scout Week, March 6–12** we want to thank Little Cedar for being a wonderful faith-partner in Southland Troop #47800's Girl Scout Journey. Thank you for supporting us and letting us have our meetings here at the church. We truly appreciate having a fun and safe place for the girls to grow and learn.



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 FAIR  
 VOLUNTEERS  
 FRIENDLY & RELIABLE  
 RESPONSIBLE  
 CARES ABOUT OTHERS  
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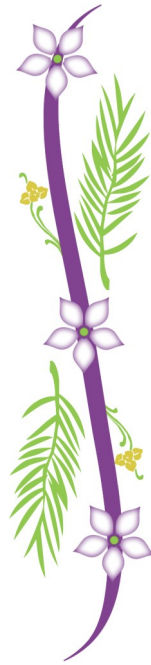
**Zumbro River Conference**  
**Women Spring Event**

**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.

**Women's Fellowship**

**Service Group #5**

- Dixie Rose (440-4691) Co-Chairperson
- Mary Schmitz (582-3621) Co-Chairperson
- Steve & Audrey Schroeder (582-3139)
- Lahoma Retterath (582-3110)
- Patti Hamilton Family (438-3960)
- Debbie Retterath Family (438-1681)
- Earl & Jane Orvik (582-3612)
- Jim & Joni Osmundson (582-3620)
- Wayne Robertson (437-6841)
- Chris & Cathy Roser (437-8119)
- Jill & Kevin Sathre (440-0291)
- Jim & Shirley Schroeder (582-3220)
- Doug & Kim Vogel Family (582-7868)
- Larry & Tammy Wilson (433-7193)
- Brian & Lani Wolff (582-1406)
- Julie Schmitz (582-3696)
- Wayne & Carol Schramm (582-3477)
- Christine Wik (440-1898)
- Linda & John Logsdon (582-3071)
- Bob & Sharon Hanson (T) (763-276-5028)



**March**

**Communion clean-up**

March 6<sup>th</sup> & March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Hours**

March 13<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

(LYO has March 6th)

**20<sup>th</sup> ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion may need more**

Meals on Wheels –

March 21<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>

Serve any funerals held

Your Chairperson or one of your  
Co-Chairpersons will contact you with  
information for your service group.

**Head Usher for March**

Brian Bergene

437-8663



**March Readers**

March 6th ~ Jan Weness

March 13th ~ Olivia Gray

& Colton Mandt

March 20th ~ Kristina Matheis

March 27th ~ Cindy Jax

**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



# Youth and Education News

## Senior LYO

(9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on March 13th.

Stay tuned for details.



**Mark Your Calendars!** Holy Week is coming! Your help will be needed with Maundy Thursday, March 24, Good Friday, March 25 and Easter Sunday, March 27th. We also have the Easter Breakfast. Details will be out soon.

**R.O.C.** (Junior High Students) - Our next meeting is potentially on March 20th and it is family bowling at Echo Lanes. Stay tuned for details.

## Little Cedar Sunday School News

Teachers for March are:

- March 6—Sarah Mergen & Gabby Smith
- March 13—Maddie Wolff & Colton Mandt
- March 20—Emily Conroy & Kelsie Lamp

We **DO NOT** have Sunday School on March 27th as it is Easter Sunday. Please join us for one of our wonderful services that day to celebrate that Christ Has Risen!



## Little Cedar Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will sing for Palm Sunday on March 20th.

# YOUTH IN WORSHIP

## Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 13th

Ushers: Jacob Anderson & Rachel Meany  
Readers: Rachel Meany & Colton Mandt

## March Coffee Hour

Lead Family: Jim, Tara & Colton Mandt  
Helper Families: Maya Luke & Cole Medgaarden

## Little Cedar Communion Helpers

March 6—Emily Conroy  
March 20—Jacob Stephens

## Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- \*March 6—Kiyanna Meyer
- \*March 13—Eli Wolff
- \*March 20—Khlover Schulz
- \*March 27—Gregory Crumb



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

# Confirmation

## Marshall Church Assistants

- \***March 6—Erin Hanson**
- \*March 13—Isaac Himebaugh
- \***March 20—Haley Whipple**
- \*March 27—Kelsey Mensink

## Little Cedar Church Assistants

- \***March 6—U:** Carter Johnson G: Cade Sheehan
- \*Communion Family—Noah Lamp
- \*March 13—U: Malina Luke G: Dawson Gilson
- \***March 20—U:** Cade Sheehan G: Sara Conroy
- \*Communion Family—Ashlynn Mandt
- \*March 27—U: Lexi Smith G: Avery Medgaarden



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

## Confirmation Meals

March 30—Sean & Jill Gilson



**First Communion Classes** are from 5-6pm either in the Library at Little Cedar or in the church at Marshall depending on where worship is. After class, the students are encouraged to join with their families for the soup supper at 6pm and worship at 7pm.

Our remaining schedule is:

March 2nd—Marshall

March 9th—Little Cedar

March 16th—Little Cedar (we make our bread so it is easier to do that at Little Cedar so we will head out to Marshall after that is done!)

This year's students are:

### Little Cedar

Coltan Bryan

Cody Krull

Bradley Lagerstedt

Gavin Mergen

### Marshall

Logan Fasbender

Jessie Hanson

Julia Kiefer



## Little Cedar Church Council Minutes February, 2016 Council Minutes

The Little Cedar church council met on Wednesday, February 24, following the Lenten service. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Tracy Smith. The mission statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Millie Weness. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Joe Matheis, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Steve Schroeder, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Lani Wolff, Linda Logsdon. Absent: Jim Johnson, Mike Lamp, Shari Wagner, Susan Ydstie.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Bryce Nelson, second by Steve Schroeder to accept the secretary's report as written. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Millie Weness. Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Nancy Thalberg to accept the report as printed. Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Lani Wolff to transfer \$1000 from lutefisk funds to the LYO. Carried.

Millie presented a printed report of all donations given by Little Cedar for the last 3 years.

### Committee Reports:

Day Care- Kate has requested that the daycare rooms to be painted. Joe Matheis will get an estimate to get the two rooms and the two bathrooms across from the daycare painted.

Finance - There is a currently a very low balance in the checkbook.

Personnel- met with all staff and did their annual reviews. All contracts are signed for the year.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion by Linda Logsdon, seconded by Jan Weness that we purchase a new lapel mic and new candle lighter for up to \$200 with the payment to come from the Glenda Osmundson fund. Carried.

-It was agreed that all weddings and funerals that the pastor presides at be listed in the church's vitals and records whether the participants are members or not.

-Pastor will be gone Sunday, May 1

**Outstanding Business:** None

**New Business:** Nancy Thalberg reported on her meeting in December with some of the women of the church at the Muffins and Mugs meeting. The council discussed how to get some of the things the women's group and others used to do in the church, but don't know because of aging or there is no longer a women's organization. More thought will be given to this as the year goes on.

-Motion by Steve Schroeder, second by Joe Matheis that we approve purchasing a calling tree system for communication with members that don't have email. Motion carried.

-Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Nancy Thalberg to build a storage shed on the existing air conditioner pad. The labor will be supplied by the Southland Ag class and the majority of the building to be paid for by an anonymous donor. Little Cedar will pay the balance. Motion carried.

Devotions for March will be given by Pastor Jeremy. **Next council meeting will be on March 16 at Marshall Church following Lenten services.**

Motion by Linda Logsdon, seconded by Lani Wolff that the meeting be adjourned. Carried

*Jan Weness* Secretary



## Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

January, 2016

The Little Cedar Church council met on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Tracy Smith. The mission statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Jan Weness. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Jim Johnson, Mike Lamp, Linda Logsdon, Joe Matheis, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Steve Schroeder, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, Susan Ydstie. Absent: Cathy Roser, Shari Wagner, Lani Wolff.

A unanimous ballot was cast for Tracy Smith for president of the council and Joe Matheis as vice president. A thank you was expressed by the council for their work last year.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Joe Matheis to accept the December council minutes as printed. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie Weness reported that the beginning balance on January 1, 2016, was \$6700. Motion by Jim Johnson, seconded by Steve Schroeder that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jeremy will offer adult education on Islam during Lent before the soup suppers.

Pastor reported that he has been called on often to do chaplain work at the AHCC. Council approved of his work there if it does not interfere with other duties. The Confirmation students will do a food pack for New Hope for the Hungry in Austin sometime this winter.

**Outstanding Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Mike Lamp that we accept Al Fasbender as our new custodian. Carried.
- Sunday, January 24, is set for installation of council members.
- Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Nancy Thalberg to raise Kate Wiste's salary as director of the daycare to \$28,500. The raise is equivalent to those given other staff. Carried.
- Motion by Nancy Thalberg, seconded by Bryce Nelson to give \$1000 in support of Lutheran Social Service with the money to come out of Lutefisk Funds. Carried.

Millie Weness will give devotions at the February meeting.

Cause of the Month for February is, "New Hope for the Hungry."

Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Mike Lamp that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jan Weness, Secretary*





**Marshall Church Council Minutes**  
**February 10, 2016**

The Marshall Church council met on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. Members present were: Gary Kulow, Tricia Kulow, Larry Underdahl, Sarah Sprau, Craig Hanson, Forrest Himebaugh, Pastor Jeremy, Gus Johnson, Darrell Gordon, Karina Mensink. Absent were: Julie Hanson and Jerry Sprau  
Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

The Secretary's Report from Jan was read, Tricia gave the financial and treasure's report. The total offering for Jan was \$4486.75 and the Cause of the month offering was \$106.65. Forrest moved to accept the reports, Larry seconded.

**Old Business:** 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary set for Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Bishop is set to come. Change the cause of the month to Real Hope for the Hungry. The confirmation kids are going to go pack meals as part of the lock-in in March.

**New Business:** Offering from Ash Wednesday is going to the Southland Foodshelf.

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

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

*Karina Mensink*



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