



May 2015



Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

Last week I attended some continuing education through the synod on “coaching.” Essentially we learned how to sincerely listen to someone’s troubles in their life and then to engage and guide them. As simple as that sounds, it is not always easy to do. Our own concerns, past history, and personalities can tend to get in the way. However, nonetheless it is great to strive to encourage someone in their life; to be a life-giving presence for them.

So here we have this reading from 1 Thessalonians. A reading that advises us how to live in community. Paul’s letters are filled with ways in which we should live together in community. We could have found dozens of passages to look at. What always links them all together is an encouragement to support each other. Encourage and caution each other with patience, compassion, and understanding. He suggests that in all our interactions as a community we do so with the utmost love and respect for each other.

I commend all of you for the many ways you gather around each other as a community. It is a gift to be in a community in which mutual love and support is shared. It makes the troubling times bearable and the joyous times even more joyous! And I pray that we may always continue to live in this way. As Paul says, “hold fast to what is good and abstain from every form of evil.”

Lastly, as we head into summer, blessings for a safe and joyous time as we enjoy the fellowship and the outdoors!

Peace,

Pastor Jeremy



Important Dates

May 6th

Marshall Council

May 17th

Senior Sunday/LC

May 20th

Little Cedar Council

May 25

Memorial Day Luncheon

May 31

Religious Release Dinner

Nepal Area Earthquake

The Situation:

Sections of the city's historic center lie in rubble. News reports indicate that more than 3,500 people have died and thousands are injured in the valley surrounding Kathmandu. The death toll is expected to rise as people are believed to be trapped under rubble. Deaths have been reported in neighboring India, Tibet and Bangladesh. The tremor also set off a deadly avalanche on Mount Everest.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Nepal, as rescue efforts and assessments [continue](#). The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has launched an immediate large-scale emergency response with its emergency team in Kathmandu at the LWF offices, which have escaped the worst impact of the quake. The ELCA is the only U.S. member church of the LWF. We are also working with Lutheran World Relief and church partners from ACT Alliance to coordinate the response, which includes the distribution of immediate life-saving supplies such as water, food, shelter and medication to people injured. - See more at: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Nepal-Earthquake#sthash.3Z4taY2B.dpuf>



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

Dan Morgan ~ Maureen Underdahl ~ Lillian Sprau
Val Pitzen ~ Debbie Retterath
Arvis Gunderson ~ Raeann Kane

Our Sympathies to:
Family of Elaine Graves
Family of David Hill
Family of DeLoris Johnson
Family of Janet Stotts

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 Marshall 9:30am

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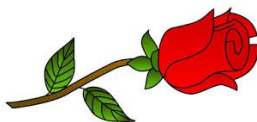


Quilters meet at Little Cedar
 Monday, May 4th
 @ 1:00pm

Thank you to everyone who sent a card, brought food, called with kind words, stopped to say they cared. I am so appreciative of all the kind things you have done since the loss of my Son David Hill.

God's Blessings to you all!

Gloria Hill



Friends & Fellowship

NO
 MEETING
 IN MAY!!!



VBS is coming!

Mark Your Calendars!

Good Earth Village is coming to run our VBS this year so we don't have to skip a year! They will be here from July 6th through July 10th. Stayed tuned to Facebook and your email for further information!

Cause of the Month @ Marshall

May 2015

"Backpack Initiative"



To fund back packs with food for kids to take home on the weekends.

Cause of the Month @ Little Cedar

May 2015

"Youth Detroit Trip"



Youth Trip!

Signs you are in for a loooong Sermon:

1. There is a case of bottled water beside the pulpit in a cooler.
2. The Pews have Camper Hookups.
3. The Bulletins have Pizza Delivery Menus.
4. The Pastor breaks for Intermission.
5. The Choir area is furnished with La-Z-boys.

Choir Director Needed At Little Cedar

We are looking for a new 🎵choir director🎵. If you'd be interested in directing our talented choir, or no somebody who would be, please contact Pat Hinz at 582-3466 or the church office for any inquiries and questions you may have. We thank Janet for her wonderful leadership!🎵

Attention Good Earth Village Campers:



GEV is now taking registrations for Summer Camp 2015.

If you have a child attending please let the church know, scholarships are available.

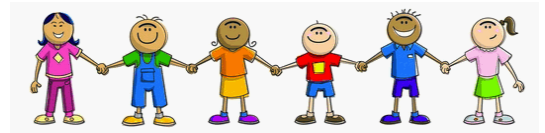


Miles to Detroit!

We need your help getting our bus from Adams to Detroit and back again! Please check out the display in the Hall at Little Cedar to see the progress of the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit this July. You are invited to sponsor them by filling out a certificate and purchasing miles. For every \$10 donated, we will move the bus another mile closer to Detroit and back again. There are 1,316 miles to be driven! If you donate 2 or more miles, you will receive an invitation to a dinner upon our return as well as a postcard from Detroit!

Daycare News!!!

This month we learned about the colors green and purple. The Rainforest was a big topic. What lives there- Jaguars, bugs and trees. Signing snake, oval shape, letters Rr, Qq and Uu, numbers 3 and 4. The other topic was growing plants. We made greenhouses that had lima beans in them. Some of them sprouted. The kids planted grass and Marigolds and learned parts of a flower. We also discussed Earth Day and what they can do to make a difference-pick up trash outside.



Help Us Get to Detroit!

Mileage Certificate

2015 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
DETROIT, MICHIGAN
July 13-19

From Adams to Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan
and Home Again is 1,316 miles!

Name: _____

Address: _____

of Miles Purchased _____ x \$10 = _____

If you buy 2 or more miles, you will receive a postcard from Detroit and an invitation to a dinner upon our return home to hear about our trip!



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2015

Little Cedar

Brandon John Bergene

Parents: Bruce & Mary

Chase Anthony Gilson

Parents: Sean & Jill and Penny

Laura Leuppe Luke

Parents: Lee & Lita

Lucas James Mandt

Parents: Tara & Jim

Phillip Michael Milks

Parents: Ron & Patricia

Katlin Irene Webber

Parents: Kerry & Matt



Marshall

Marcus Scott Thompson

Parents: Rhonda Hatle & Terry Emanuel
and Galen & Jean Thompson



BACCALAUREATE
S E R V I C E

Senior Sunday will be on May 17th at Little Cedar and Marshall during morning worship.

Baccalaureate is at Sacred Heart
in Adams at 4pm.

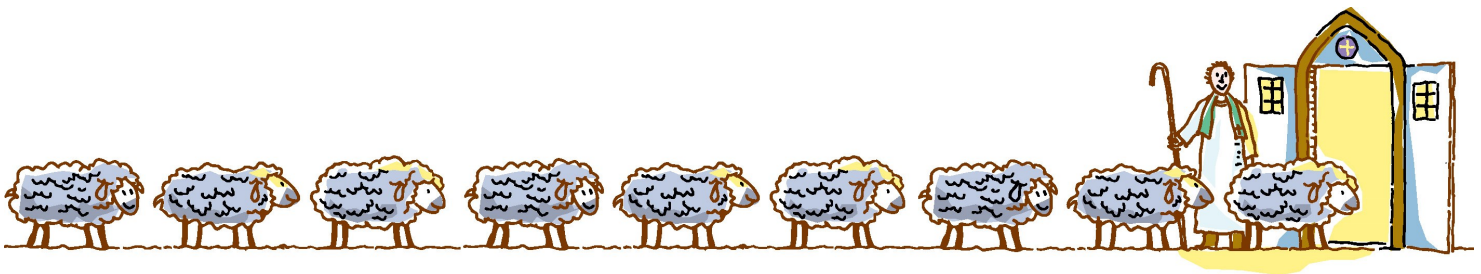
Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."



Southland Religious Release Program

Please come join us Sunday, May 31st for sloppy joes at 5:00pm with a program following at 5:45pm at Little Cedar. The children will put on a short program and tell what they have been doing in religion class this past year. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and see what the kids are doing in class and meet their instructor.

An awesome ministry. Hope to see you there.



Service Group #2

Sarah & Kyle Mergen (421-2184) Co-Chairperson

Linda & Jon Gilles (582-7734) Co-Chairperson

Gloria Hill (582-3455)

Mavis Wermager (584-6628)

Bob & Marlene Hanson (507-251-6316)

LaMonte & Julie Gray Family (582-7871)

Arvis Gunderson (582-7785)

Curt & Geneva Hamilton (582-3149)

Kevin Hanson (325-4597)

June Hanson (433-5886)

Robert & Ramona Hanson (582-3469)

Ken & Becky Hartwig (433-4902)

Shirley Hemingway (324-9555)???????

Richard & Pat Hinz (582-3466)

Norm & Joan Hoeft (582-3564)

Bryant & Ann Hokeness (584-6812)

Duane & Meridee Wigham (582-3125)

Joyce Halver (582-3313)

Linda & John Logsdon (582-3071)

Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden

(438-7398) & (438-3820)

Penny Gilson (438-8884)

Jaymie Poshusta Family (582-1015)

May

Communion Clean-up
May 3rd & 17th

Coffee Hours
(LYO has May 3rd)
May 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Senior Sunday May 17th
(may need extra coffee this Sunday)

Deliver Meals on Wheels
1st & 18th – 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 May

John Jax
507-582-7797

May ~ Readers

3rd ~ Nancy Thalberg

10th ~ Jacob Anderson & Colton Mandt

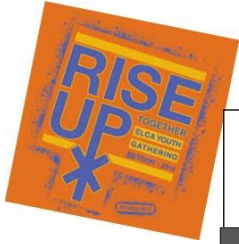
17th ~ Bryce Nelson

24th ~ Jan Weness

31st ~ Jim Osmundson




YOUTH activities




ELCA National Youth Gathering is in Detroit from July 13th through July 19th, 2015.

Detroit Fundraisers:
Please keep selling the Miles to Detroit.

Schwans-Cares Fundraiser: We still receive 5% on Schwan's orders. Please contact Tara if you are interested in more information.

Thanks to all the kids that helped with our Holy Week Services as well as our Easter Worship and Breakfast.



Mark Your Calendars
Senior Sunday is on May 17th at both Little Cedar and Marshall and Baccalaureate is at Sacred Heart at 4pm.

Congratulations to Kendra, Erin, Hannah, Cole, Noah and Kylie who were confirmed on Sunday, April 26th. We wish them many blessings on the next chapter in their Faith Journey.

Educational News



Little Cedar Sunday School News
Sunday School Sunday is May 3rd. We will honor our students and teachers during worship and have cake and cookies in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
Children's Choir will sing on Sunday, May 10th.

Marshall Sunday School News
Our last day of Sunday School will be **May 17th**. We will award SS pins, promote Cradle role children, and recognize our Confirmands and Seniors. There will be the balloon release and fellowship dinner following the church service.

Vacation Bible School
We have exciting news. We will be having our week-long VBS after all. It will be July 6th through July 10th and the Good Earth Village staff will be here to take over the church! We will have a great time....singing and worshipping together! Stay tuned to Facebook and your email for further details.

Confirmation News & Worship News

We would like to give a great big 'Thank You' to all the Confirmation students, families and mentors! We had a great year. We are super proud of the 8th Grade students who were Confirmed this year and look forward to another great year next year. Pastor Jeremy and Tara

Marshall Church Assistants
May 3 - Haley Whipple
May 12 - Isaac Himebaugh
May 17 - Haley Whipple

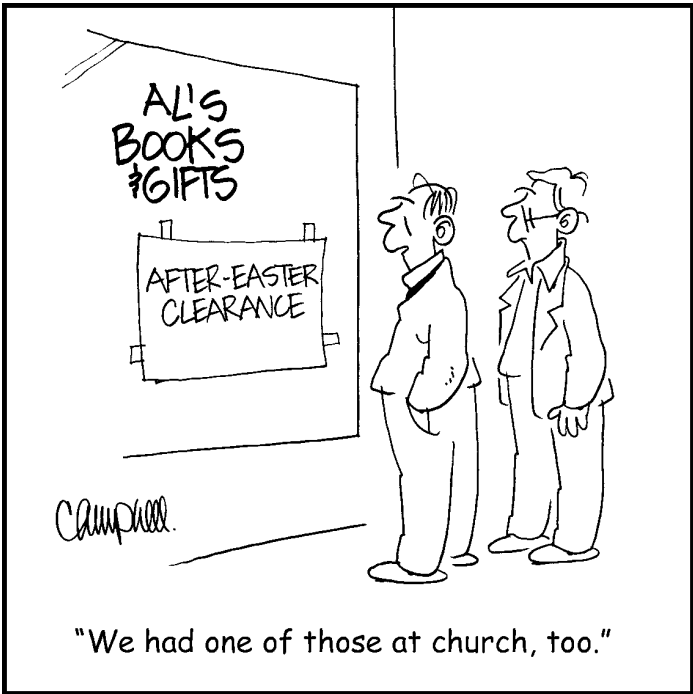
Little Cedar Church Assistants
U=Usher G=Greeter
May 5 - **U:** Noah Lamp **G:** Malina Luke
Communion Family: Lexi Smith
May 12 - **U:** Cade Sheehan **G:** Dawson Gilson
May 19 - **U:** Carter Johnson **G:** Ashlynn Mandt
Communion Family: Malina Luke

Little Cedar Acolyte & Worship Assistant Schedule:
May 3 - Lydia Wik
May 10 - Eli Wolff
May 17 - Avery Medgaarden

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is
May 10th
Ushers: Jacob Stephens & Rachel Meany
Readers: Jacob Anderson & Colton Mandt

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara right away so she can switch people for you.

Little Cedar Communion Helpers
May 3—Gabrielle Smith
May 17—Carma Sheehan



**Marshall Church Council
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2015**

The Marshall Church Council met for its regular meeting on **April 1st, 2015**. Present were Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Gary Kulow, Craig Hanson, Jerry Sprau, Julie Hanson, Larry Underdahl, Sarah Sprau, Luvern Hanson, and Karina Mensink. Absent were: Gus Johnson, Rhonda Hatle and Darrel Gordon.

The meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow. Pastor Jeremy lead us in a prayer. The Secretary's report from March was read. Julie gave the Financial Secretary's report with the total offering for the month of Feb being \$3745. Cause of the Month offering was \$147. Luvern gave the Treasurer's report. Jerry made a motion that the reports be accepted as read and Craig seconded the motion. The motion carried.

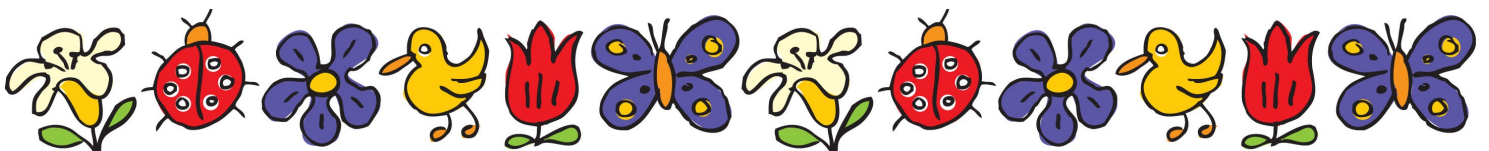
OLD BUSINESS: Kids still have miles to sell if anyone is interested in supporting the trip to Detroit. Larry will get a hold of Kathy Wichman to have her come to a meeting soon to talk about investing options. We looked at what accounts we could invest and what funds we need to access frequently. Church/cemetery replacement sign estimate of \$4700 from Shad Tracy. I will request a formal picture and estimate. Fuel was contracted at \$1.05. Thanked everyone for helping on cleaning day. Most is done, but we still need to clean the kitchen and look at the historical records in back to see if we need to invest in some fire proof storage.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed what is printed in the bulletin to see if we should print more or less information. No decision was reached. Cause of the month for May will be the Backpack Initiative to fund back packs for kids to take home on the weekends. Talked about camp fees and Jerry moved that the council pay 50% or up to a \$200 max for kids going to Good Earth Village or Iron Wood Springs. Other camps will be reviewed by the council for approval. Larry seconded. Motion passed. Julie will hand out information to the kids.

Jerry made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Craig seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Karina Mensink, Secretary



Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, **April 15, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting was called to order by president, Tracy Smith. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Karen Anderson, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Mary Schmitz, Nancy Smith, Tracy Smith, Jan Weness, Lani Wolff. Absent: Cathy Roser, Nancy Thalberg, Shari Wagner, Millie Weness. Devotions were given by Pastor Jeremy.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Karen Anderson that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were read from the Southland Schools, World Hunger, Paint the Town Pink committee and the family of Lynn Webber.

Treasurer’s Report: Motion by Jim Johnson, seconded by Joe Matheis that the treasurer’s report be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Life and Mission: Karen Anderson reported that the committee is making plans for a church picnic.

Youth: The council reviewed a report on the finances for the Detroit youth trip.

Pastor’s Report: The church directories are being printed and should be here soon.

There will be a joint service with Marshall Church in September at which time the LYO members will report to the congregations on their Detroit trip.

Outstanding Business:

Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Lani Wolff to pursue hiring Good Earth Village to do Bible School this summer at a cost of no more than \$2000. Motion carried.

New Business: There was no new business.

May devotions will be given by Dixie Rose.

May cause of the month will be the youth trip.

Motion by Karen Anderson, seconded by Joe Matheis that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval by,
Jan Weness, Secretary



ENOUGH FOOD FOR ALL (EFFA) UPDATES

By The Working Groups of the EFFA Initiative By The Working Groups of the EFFA Initiative

Enough Food for All (EFFA) is our Southeastern Minnesota Synod's initiative to end food insecurity in Southeastern Minnesota by 2020. We believe Jesus is the bread of life, and we take seriously his invitation to provide food and drink for those in need. Our hope is to partner with other agencies, congregations, non-profits, and religious organizations to eradicate hunger in our region. Over the past year, four different working groups have been formed to address different aspects of food insecurity. Below are updates from each of these teams.

Healthy Food: Ending food insecurity in this synod will take more than a Lutheran effort! With a goal of ensuring that foods abound in nutrition, this task force is partnering with the State Health Improvement Program (SHIP). Every county has a SHIP coordinator (often affiliated with Public Health offices). Providing healthy foods is a cornerstone of that program! With spring coming, congregations are utilizing resources and expertise from SHIP to start community gardens on their property. Local food shelves will soon abound in fresh produce! To find the SHIP coordinator in your area, go to <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/oshii/ship/communities/>.

Building Bridges – Making Connections through Food: Often when we think of hunger our minds think of starving children in Africa or people in the inner city of Minneapolis who struggle to put food on the table. This taskforce is working to help us see that hunger isn't only an 'over there' issue. It's right in our backyards. At the Synod Assembly posters will be provided showing the number of food insecure people (per county) in our synod. Be sure to pick one up and display it for your congregation, then pray about ways that you can reach out to your neighbors to provide a good meal.

Advocacy: The mission of the Advocacy working group is to educate members of congregations of our synod about hunger and its systemic causes, and to gather advocates to counter those systemic causes. Members of our working group recently attended the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's "Day on the Hill" in St. Paul, MN to bring concerns about poverty and working families to our state legislators. We are planning a future workshop for members of our synod to learn more about food insecurity and opportunities for action about this concern.

Hands On: The Hands-On working group has been busy focusing on being the conduit between the churches and the synod. We've established a need for churches to share ideas about ways to eliminate hunger on a local level. With the help of the synod's weekly e-news, Facebook page, and the upcoming Synod Assembly, we are doing what we can to help congregations connect with one another. Over the past year we've received information and stories from 84 churches in the synod about their food ministries and how they're working to alleviate hunger in their communities. Over a dozen churches have been contacted to share unique ideas they have implemented within their churches and communities. Presently, these churches are developing videos to share at the 2015 Synod Assembly. We are looking forward to stemming other ideas off this in the future. For more information on Enough Food for All, visit our website:

<http://www.semnsynod.org/effa>

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A great new way to listen to Little Cedar & Marshall Sunday worship is through a wonderful thing called podcast. Just go on your phone or computer and visit www.jeremyjohnson_1.podbean.com to listen to the latest sermon.



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