



June 2015



Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Matthew 13:10-17; 34-35

¹⁰Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹²For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' ¹⁴With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

'You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn —
and I would heal them.'

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

³⁴Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:


"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;
I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Greetings!!

Jesus' parables are always intriguing for folks. They are captivating, mysterious, and grounded in real life events. It is often debated why Jesus taught in parables so often. There are several places in scripture in which it says Jesus used parables to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets. It seems the biggest reason was because everyone likes a good story. It has been said that we are a storied people. We live by stories, we teach stories, and we learn by stories. This is probably why the parables are some of the best-remembered teachings of Jesus.

One of the things about parables is that they always leave people asking more questions than giving any answers. In so doing, it opens a person up to ask questions about God, and deepen an understanding of God. To those that explore the parables deeper and ask questions, find richness in what we can learn from those parables.

This June and July on Wednesday evenings we will venture into some of Jesus' Parables. It will be a wonderful time taking a closer look at the Parables. Our Wednesday services will begin June 10th at 7:00 each week. If you are able to, please join us as we explore the Parables!

Have a happy summer y'all!!!! Pr. Jeremy 

Important Dates

June 3rd

Marshall Council

June 10th

Summer Worship Begins

June 17th

Little Cedar Council

June 27th

Hanson/O'Connell Wedding



Little Cedar

Wednesday Evenings

Beginning Wednesday, June 10th @ 7pm

And continuing through

Wednesday, July 29th



Summer

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

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



Funerals Little Cedar:
Evelyn Lange

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

Summer Worship:

Little Cedar ~ June 10th thru July 29th @ 7pm

Sunday School:

September - May

Little Cedar 10:00am and Marshall 9:30am

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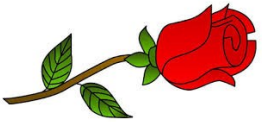


Quilters meet at Little Cedar
Monday, June 1st
@ 1:00pm

Cause of the Month @ Marshall
June 2015
 "Southland Food Shelf"

Thank you to everyone who sent a card, brought food, called with kind words, stopped to say they cared. We so appreciate all of the kind things you have done since the loss of our Son & Son-in-Law David Hill.
 God's Blessings to you all!

Ed & June Wolf
Gloria Hill



Cause of the Month @ Little Cedar
June 2015
 "LYO Detroit Trip"

 **Open Bridal Shower**
 Justine Wiste bride-to-be of Nate Bergene.
 Saturday, June 6th
 At 9:30am at Little Cedar.

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The couple is registered at
 Kohl's, Target, & Amazon

Thrivent Mower County Chapter presents:



Mary Poppins the Broadway Musical
Where: Chanhassen Dinner Theater
When: Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Time: Dinner 11:00am, Show 1:00pm
Cost: \$60 per person
 (includes show, lunch, bus transportation)
 Pickup at 8am at Little Cedar Church or 8:30am at Our Saviors Church in Brownsdale.

To reserve a spot please contact
 Marlene Hemann at 507-219-6313, or
 mhemann@charter.net.

Payment is due June 17th, make checks payable to "Mower County Thrivent Chapter."
 Mail Payment to: Marlene, 1903 4th Ave. NE,
 Austin, MN 55912

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!

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Update:

Well another HUGE cargo of Quilts went to Albert Lea on Saturday, May 16th. From there they will go to all corners of the world perhaps. Thank you to the Ladies of Little Cedar and Marshall for their faithful service of creating these Quilts! Between the 2 churches over 70 Quilts were delivered.



\$\$\$Summer Giving\$\$\$

With summer coming, soon we hope. Everyone wants to get outdoors and enjoy it as much as they can. Please remember that even though you are not here on Sunday morning the church still has financial obligations and would greatly appreciate your continued support throughout the summer months. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

Good Earth Village is coming for VBS this year. They will be here from July 6th through July 10th.

The theme is "Light the Way".



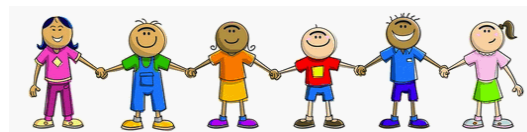
VBS is coming!

Help Needed for Vacation Bible School

- 1) Housing for GEV Staff—We are looking for housing near the church if possible.
- 2) Food for GEV Staff—We need to provide lunch and supper for them.
- 3) Snack for all participants—stay tuned for items we need donated.
- 4) Cash—money is always helpful if we need to purchase things in a pinch!
- 5) Volunteers—we are in need of adults and middle & high school students to help throughout the day from snack to working with the youth.

Daycare News!!!

Rain, rain, go away! Since May was a rainy and cooler month, we spent quite a few days playing in the fellowship hall. We are so fortunate to have that area as a playroom. We learned about the colors in a rainbow, different bugs, letters Vv and Zz, numbers 1-5 and diamond shape. The kids are really getting better at writing their names! This month, we are sad to announce that two of our girls will be graduating daycare. We are so proud of you Lauren and Victoria, good luck in kindergarten!



Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2015

Little Cedar

Brandon John Bergene is attending Rochester Community and Technical College next year. He is majoring in Horticulture to become a Golf Course Groundskeeper and plans to farm. His favorite high school memories are being with friends and going to movies. His favorite church memories are all the LYO activities.

Chase Anthony Gilson is attending Luther College. He plans on getting a job in business management. His favorite high school memories are from managing the Boys Basketball team for two years. It was a great experience. His favorite church memory is going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012.

Laura Leuppe Luke is graduating from John Marshall High School in Rochester. She plans to attend Rochester Community and Technical College in the fall.

Lucas James Mandt is attending Minnesota State University – Mankato in the fall. He plans to major in Sports Management. His favorite high school memories are playing sports with his friends. His favorite church memory is going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012.

Phillip Michael Milks is attending Riverland Community College in Austin this fall. He plans to study Law Enforcement and wants to join the Minnesota State Patrol. His favorite high school memory is Senior Year Homecoming. His favorite church memory is going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012.

Katlin Irene Webber is attending Rochester Community and Technical College this fall for Sociology. Her favorite high school memories are being with friends every day and being a part of sports! “Those girls will always be my sisters! I will miss being a part of that ‘family’.” Her favorite church memory is the service projects that LYO does. “The group I have been with for the past years has made everything so fun & enjoyable!”

Marshall

Marcus Scott Thompson is going to Northeast Iowa Community College this fall and then will work for John Deere as a technician. His favorite high school memory is his Confirmation party when Pastor Marggi took their Corvette out for a spin! His favorite church memory is going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012 and doing Service Projects.



While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... “Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in the exhaust.”



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)
- Alice Wiste (582-7752)
- Bob & Sharon Hanson (T) (763-276-5028)



June

Communion clean-up
7th & 21st

Coffee Hours
NONE

Meals on Wheels
June 1st
June 5th thru 26th

Serve any funerals held

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




Head Usher for June

Bruce Bergene
507-584-0908

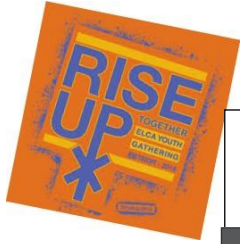


June ~ Readers

June 7th	Cindy Jax
June 14th	
June 21st	Julie Gray
June 28th	Pat Hinz



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.

Educational News

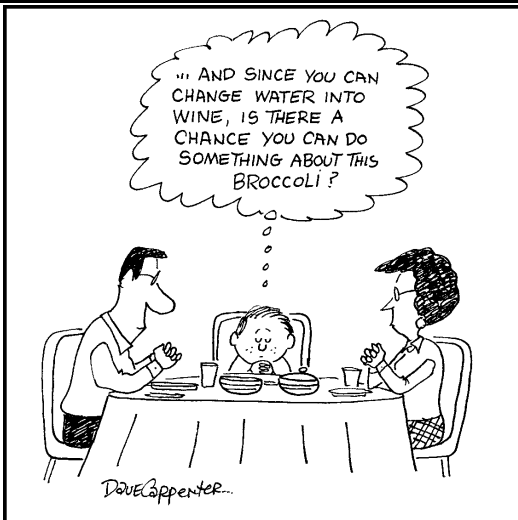
Vacation Bible School

Little Cedar is partnering with Good Earth Village to provide our Vacation Bible School program for children who are currently 4-years-old through 5th Grade from July 6-10th. VBS will run from 9am - 3pm on Monday through Thursday and 9am – Noon on Friday. Join us as we “Light the Way” with games, upbeat music, skits, crafts, and more! See the table by Tara’s office door for more info and registration forms. Cost is \$35/student with a max of \$90/family. Assistance available. Forms and fees due by June 15th.

Little Cedar Sunday School News

Thank you to all the students, teachers, parents and our congregations for making the 2014-2015 school year another great success. With school getting out soon, I pray that you all have a safe, blessed summer! Hope to see you around!

Tara Mandt, Youth & Education Director



Summer Fun!!!

Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2015

The Marshall Church Council met for its regular meeting on **May 6th, 2015**. Present were Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Gary Kulow, Craig Hanson, Jerry Sprau, Julie Hanson, Larry Underdahl, Rhonda Hatle, Gus Johnson, Luvern Hanson, and Karina Mensink. Absent were: Sarah Sprau and Darrel Gordon.

The meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow. Pastor Jeremy lead us in a prayer. The Secretary's report from April was read. Minutes had to be revised from April. Total offering should have been \$3560 and cause of the month offering \$184.25. Jerry moved to correct the totals, Rhonda seconded and the motion passed. Julie gave the Financial Secretary's report with the total offering for the month of April being \$4574. Cause of the Month offering was \$295.25. Luvern gave the Treasurer's report. Gus made a motion that the reports be accepted as read and Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Kathy Wichmann will be coming to the June council meeting to discuss investing options. We received an estimate from Shad Tracy for church/cemetery replacement sign - \$4665. I will follow up with him to see if he has other signs in the area we can look at. Jerry will look for a fire proof safe at the used equipment store in Rochester. There is room in the storage room at Little Cedar for Marshall to put a 4 drawer cabinet.

NEW BUSINESS: Little Cedar would like to do a joint service in August at the park. Bible School this year will be the 6th–10th of July and staff from Good Earth Village will be running it. A work day has been scheduled for Saturday May 9th at 2:00 to clean up the cemetery and landscaping. Forrest will mow the lawn again for the summer at the same price as last year. Cause of the month for June will be the Southland Food Shelf and July will be Ruthie DeHoogh.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded the motion. 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, **May 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Millie Weness. Present: Karen Anderson, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Joe Matheis, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Mary Schmitz, Nancy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Shari Wagner, Jan Weness, Millie Weness, and Lani Wolff. Absent: Jim Johnson, Tricia Milks, Bryce Nelson, and Tracy Smith. Guest: Dave Weness. The Mission Statement was read in unison. Dixie Rose gave devotions.

Jan Weness and Dave Weness reported to the council on the SE MN Synod Convention held May 8 and 9. Jan reported on the work and emphases of the Synod and Churchwide organizations. Dave reported on the Synod budget and vote taken on it.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mary Schmitz, seconded by Nancy Thalberg that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Lani Wolff that the treasurer's report be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Building: Joe Matheis reported on the gathering of estimates for parking lot sealing.

Daycare: Jan Weness reported that the Day Care Committee met earlier in the day and all is going well at the day care. Enrollment for the summer and fall are going well.

Life and Mission: Karen Anderson reported that Little Cedar will serve lunch to those participating in Memorial Day services at the area cemeteries. The May service group will take care of serving. She also reported that they are working on a plan for a team effort to visit shut-ins and to get prayer blankets to those in need.

Pastor's Report: There will be Wednesday night worship services in June and July.

Outstanding Business: Good Earth Village has been contracted to provide Bible School at Little Cedar this summer at the cost of \$55 per student. Little Cedar has will ask for \$35 from each participant with a maximum of \$90 per family. There will be a need for housing for staff from the camp.

New Business:

The May and June Cause of the Month will be the LYO trip to Detroit.

June devotions will be given by Lani Wolff.

The July council meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, July 22, rather than the 15th as Pastor Jeremy will be with the LYO members on their trip on our regular scheduled meeting date.

Motion by Karen Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Millie Weness declared the meeting adjourned.



Respectfully Submitted for Approval by,
Jan Weness, Secretary

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