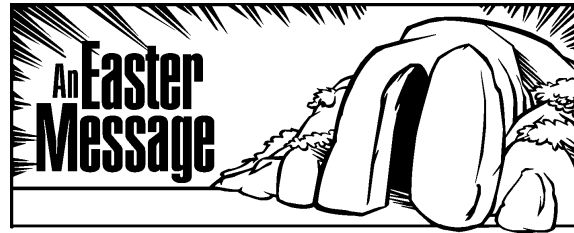




April 2014



Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Luke 24:1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

I watched one of the Buddy movies with Liliana this week, in which the five golden retriever puppies faced off against the "bad guy." Towards the end of the movie, Liliana was so worried about whether the puppies would triumph. I responded to her with confidence, "Of course it will be ok, these movies always have a happy ending." We were able to enjoy the rest of the movie together knowing that everything was going to be ok.

As we make our way through Lent that is the promise we hold on to as well. We know how this story ends! Everything is going to be ok! We mourn the death of Christ on the cross, but we also celebrate in knowing that Christ will conquer death and bring new life!

He is risen! He is risen indeed!!! As we are making our way through Lent and approach Easter, this is the chant that continually comes to mind! He is risen! He is risen indeed!! This is what we have spent 40 days preparing to pronounce; Jesus' triumph over death! We can boldly make our way through Lent knowing how the story ends! He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Blessings,

Pastor Jeremy

Important Dates

April 2nd

Men's Lenten Pancakes
@ Marshall @ 9am

Marshall Council @ 7:30pm

April 13th

Palm Sunday
First Communion

April 16th

Little Cedar Council @ 7:30pm

April 17th

Maundy Thursday
@ Marshall @ 7:00pm

April 18th

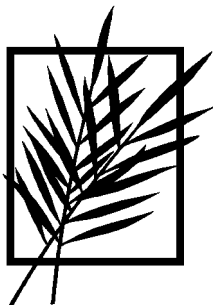
Good Friday
@ Little Cedar @ 7:00pm

April 20th

Easter Sunday
Christ is Risen Alleluia!!

April 27th

Confirmation Sunday



Lenten Service Wednesday, April 2nd @ Little Cedar

Lenten Service, Wednesday, April 9th @ Marshall

All Wednesday Services begin at 6pm with Soup Supper
followed by worship at 7pm

Palm Sunday & First Communion ~ Sunday, April 13th

Maundy Thursday, April 17th ~ Marshall 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18th ~ Little Cedar 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Sunrise Service @ Little Cedar @ 6:30am

Followed by Easter Breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30am

Easter Service @ Little Cedar @ 9:00am

Easter Service @ Marshall @ 10:30 am

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

Steve Bamrick ~ Jim Bustad ~ George Nolte
Lois Lewison ~ Arvis Gunderson ~ Val Pitzen ~ Ethel Nerison
Troy Boelman (son-in-law of Wayne & Bonnie Johnson)
Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)
Julene Monteleone (granddaughter of June Wolf)



Baptisms:

Little Cedar: Adrian Mergen parents Kyle & Sarah Mergen
Grayson Wiste parents Mike & Kate Wiste

If you have a prayer request, please let the church office know.



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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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Youth Director	Tara Mandt	taramandt@frontiernet.net
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For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059

Cause of the Month for April 2014

Marshall
 “Neighbor In Need”
Little Cedar
 “Ruth DeHoogh”

Mission work in Papua, New Guinea



Quilters meet at Little Cedar
 April 7th @ 1:00pm

Friends & Fellowship

Tuesday, April 8th @ Little Cedar
 Program Al Batt @ 11am
 Noon Meal
 Cost \$5
 All are welcome!

Open Bridal Shower for Hilary Johnson

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Hilary Johnson on
 Saturday, April 5th at Little Cedar from 1:30—4:00pm

♥A light meal will be served.♥

Hilary will marry David Schotanus June 14th at Little Cedar
 The couple is registered at Target.



Bridal Shower ~ for Kimberly Bracht, fiancée of
 Adam Nelson (son of Bryce & Kellie Nelson)
 Saturday, April 26, at Little Cedar.

They are registered at Target, Bed
 Bath & Beyond and Herbergers.



Thank You! Dear Little Cedar and Marshall Families, God is truly wonderful! We cannot complain whatsoever.

I cannot believe in a little over a month it will be a year since my last Sunday worship with all of you. Time does fly by. I guess that is the reason we should not take any moment with our family and friends for granted. God tells us to live for today for tomorrow is not promise. 2013 definitely gave our family that lesson. However, in all of the hardships and heartache we experienced, God’s favor and grace shined through in so many ways.

2014 is a good year to us thus far. Marcel and I have two New Year resolutions: Lose weight and Clean out the house. I enrolled us in the Shaklee 180 Lifestyle Change Program and we are doing quite well. We are in the beginning stages of learning to cook with organic foods, reading labels properly, and trying new exercise and body toning techniques. And then there is cleaning out our house. I didn’t have a clue there were so many hidden storage spaces in this house stocked full of hidden treasures. Ahhh...the memories they bring forth. A friend of ours is planning a garage sale this summer, and she is allowing us to join her. Yea!

On behalf of the Kemp Family, Marcel and I want to thank you so much for your love, prayers, and support you showed us during Mom’s illness and now through our grieving process. Your love and kindness will not be forgotten. Thank you for the flowers, cards, and monetary gifts you gave to our Mom’s funeral. Those flowers, cards, monetary gifts, and your presence meant a great deal to us. I told Mom a lot of cool and funny stories about my days there in Adams. She always enjoyed hearing them. Thank you again with love for your prayers and support.

Even though we haven’t talked or seen each other in a while, you hold a special place in my heart. Remember, you are precious to both God and our family. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good no matter what the circumstances. May His favor and grace continue to keep you in Jesus’ Name.

Shalom ~ Pastor Natacha D. Kemp and Family

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students and their Families
Confirmation Sunday is on April 27th
Little Cedar 9am

Cody Crumb
 Parents Heather & Chad Felten and Tony Crumb—Mentor Christine Wik

Dakota Johnson
 Parents Brad & Maria Johnson—Mentor Randy Voigt

Maya Luke
 Parents Lee & Lita Luke—Mentor LaRena Cooley

Rachel Meany
 Parents Lyn & Mark Meany—Mentor Deb Fasbender

Jacob Stephens
 Parent Amy Stephens—Mentor Rod Nordeng

Marshall 10:30am
 Nick Mensink
 Parents Len & Karina Mensink—Mentor Dale Himebaugh

Asa Smith
 Parents—Angie & Andy Smith—Mentor Gloria Hill

Congratulations to our First Communion Students!

First Communion will be on Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13th at Little Cedar at 9am

Chase Johnson—Parents Brad & Maria

Alizha Kappers— Parents Sarah & Kyle Mergen and Gary Kappers

Olivia Matheis—Parents Joe & Kristina Matheis & Jill Kaufman

Kiyanna Meyer—Parents Chans & Holly

Eli Wolff—Parents Brian & Lani

Avery Medgaarden—Parents Spencer & Nicole

Cole Medgaarden—Parents Spencer & Nicole



We would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone who was able to donate to the confirmation students, Hearts for Kids Against Hunger. There were 23 of us that packed food on Saturday, March 15th. We were able to pack 4,104 meals in less than two hours! It was a great time with our Confirmation students, their mentors and the Johnson Family. We shared supper at Pizza Ranch before the students headed back to Little Cedar for an over-night lock-in. A good time was had by all. Thanks again for your continued support of our Youth at Little Cedar and Marshall Churches.

Tara Mandt, Education Director



Service Group #2

Joyce Halver—Co-Chairperson (582-3313)

Gloria Hill—Co-Chairperson (582-3455)

Mavis Wermager (584-6628)

Linda & Jon Gilles (582-7734)

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)

Sarah & Kyle Mergen (421-2184)

April 9th Lenten Soups

Along with Service Group #1 will need about 10 large soups total.

Communion Clean-up

6th, 20th

Easter Sunday April 20th

(also check with office on Holy Week Communion)

Coffee Hours

13th, 20th, 27th

1st Communion April 13th

Confirmation April 27th

(may need extra coffee these Sundays)

Deliver Meals on Wheels

1st thru 4th & 21st thru 30th

Serve any funerals held

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

Scripture Readers

April 6th ~ Steve Schroeder

April 13th ~ Gabrielle Smith & Olivia Gray

April 20th Easter ~ Carol Matheis

April 27th ~ Confirmation Students



Head Usher for April

Maynard Lewison

582-3324

Easter Lily Orders can be submitted beginning March 17th. Please fill out the form in the Narthex at both churches and return it to the office with your check made out to Little Cedar for \$12.00.

Deadline will be April 14th.

Youth activities

All High School and Confirmation students are asked to help strip the altar at Marshall on Maundy Thursday, Little Cedar on Good Friday and then also re-dress the altar at the Sunrise Services on Easter Sunday. Please mark your calendars for April 17th, 18th and 20th and plan to attend these worship services.

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is April 13th

Ushers: Brandon Bergene & Delanie Barnes
Readers: Gabrielle Smith & Olivia Gray

Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

There are no more regular meetings this school year. Stay tuned for other activities that will be planned.

Mark Your Calendars! Senior Sunday will be on May 18th.

Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is April 6th

Ron & Patricia Milks, Leader
Phillip Milks and Lucas & Colton Mandt

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

April 6—Chase Gilson
April 20—Easter

R.O.C. (Junior LYO ~ 6th through 8th Grade)

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

High School Students & Parents — Watch the mail for your Easter Breakfast assignments!

Educational News

- Little Cedar's Sunday School lesson for April is "Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday"
- The Children's Choir will sing on April 13th for Palm Sunday!
- There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 20th.
- Our last day of Sunday School is on Sunday, May 4th.



First Communion Classes—Class time is from 5:15 - 6:15PM at Little Cedar. After class, the students will be able to join their families for the soup supper and to attend 7pm Lenten worship service.

Here is the schedule:

- Wednesday, April 2nd @ Little Cedar
- Wednesday, April 9th @ Little Cedar

Vacation Bible School—More details coming soon but the dates are set! July 28th through August 1st. Contact Tara to register your student or to Volunteer your time.

Confirmation and Worship News

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Confirmation Meal Family for April
NO MEALS DURING LENT
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**Little Cedar Acolytes and
Worship Assistants**
Acolytes

April 6—Noah Lamp
April 13—Ashlynn Mandt
April 20—Dawson Gilson
April 27—Malina Luke

****Confirmation Reminder****
Soup Suppers/Lenten Service—7th grade will be in charge of helping with the Soup Supper and 8th grade assist with the Worship Service.
8th Grade Confirmation pictures will be on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6pm.

Little Cedar Church Assistants
U=Usher G=Greeter

April 6 - **U:** Hannah McMasters **G:** Cody Crumb
Communion Family: Stephens & Medgaarden
April 13 - **U:** Dakota Johnson **G:** Maya Luke
April 20 (9:00 Service) - **U:** Jacob Stephens **G:** Noah Milks
Communion Family: Hannah McMasters
April 27 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Cole Medgaarden
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Marshall Church Assistants

April 6 - Asa Smith
April 13 - Erin Hanson
April 20 - Nick Mensink
April 27 - Kendra Emanuel

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact another Confirmation Student to replace or switch with you and then let Tara know.

ZUMBRO RIVER CONFERENCE SPRING EVENT St. Olaf Lutheran Church (handicapped accessible) 302 - 2nd St NW, Austin; 507-433-8857 Thursday, April 24, 2014 (note change from Maundy Thursday)

Registration, displays, punch - 4:45 p.m.
Welcome and dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Program - 6:30 p.m.

Registration: \$12.00
(Includes dinner)

Theme: *A Bold Woman of Our Heritage*
Speaker: Kristin Elder Sellentine "Portrayal of Katie Luther - her life and marriage"
Offering Designations:
-Katie's Fund (churchwide goal of \$1M by 2014 Triennial Gathering)
- shipping costs for Lutheran World Relief quilts (\$2.25/quilt)
- Good Earth Village

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 10, 2014
Registration and Offering Checks - make payable to SE MN Synod WELCA.
Please write separate checks and indicate "registration" or "offering" on memo line.
Mail to: Milda Weness, 16366 - 690th Ave; Adams, MN 55909.
Also please include name and city of your church.

Location of St. Olaf Church, Austin: Note: N Main St is under construction through Summer 2014. Avoid using the 4th St. NE exit off I-90. Go to 14th St NW.

Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes**March 5th 2014**

The Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting on March 5th 2014. Present were: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Andrew Sprau, Rhonda Hatle, Carie Hanson, Craig Hanson, Gus Johnson, Gary Kulow, and Karina Mensink. Absent: Luvern Hanson and Jerry Sprau.

The meeting was called to order by Dale. The Secretary's report from February was read. Carie gave the Financial Secretary's report and Treasurer's report in Luvern's absence. Total offering for the month of February was \$3,020.95, Cause of the Month offering was \$99.80. Expenses were reviewed and Gary made a motion that the reports be accepted as read with Darrell seconding the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary Kulow reported that Culpitt Roofing is filling up fast for the summer so we may need to decide soon if we want them to do the roof this summer. Members will check and see if there is local interest in doing the project again. Need to look into our options on garbage pickup as Waste Management is going to start charging a monthly fee. The Confirmation youth are going to pack food in Austin as a part of the Confirmation lock-in. The cost of the meals they pack will be about \$750, but they have enough money for this project.

NEW BUSINESS: Several ideas were brought up as possible uses for memorial money - a new video camera for recording services, a table for the back room, or a plaque for the cemetery. Cause of the Month for March is Brevig Mission and April will be Troy Boelman. Rhonda made a motion to donate the \$325 in the "Neighbor in Need" fund to Troy and Tammy Boelman's family. Pastor mentioned the new teen homeless shelter Lutheran Social Services is opening in Rochester would be a good cause in the future too.

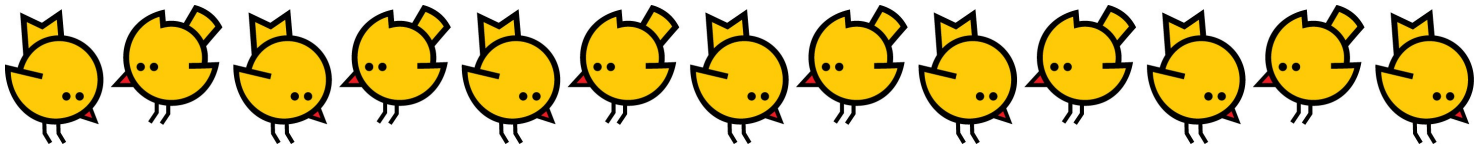
Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rhonda seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Karina Mensink, Council Secretary

Karina Mensink, Council Secretary





Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, following the Lenten service. Members present: Gordy Briggs, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, John Jax, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Rod Nordeng, Cathy Roser, Tracy Smith, Nancy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Members absent: Karen Anderson, Mary Schmitz and Lani Wolff. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER: Pastor Jeremy led a discussion on what it means for a church council to serve and lead the spiritual life of the church, followed by prayer.

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by John Jax to approve the February 2014 Council Minutes, as printed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

1. David Weness was present to discuss with council the possible switch of the food shelf room with the choir room. Dave was approached by Janet Stephenson with this suggestion. This would give the food shelf more room.
2. Thank you was read from Dorothy Bergene for the poinsettia received at Christmas time.
3. Amy DeHoogh sent a request asking for monetary support for her daughter, Ruth, who will be doing missionary work in Papua, New Guinea, translating the Bible into their native language. Pastor Jeremy and Pat will contact Amy about the possibility of Ruth presenting her mission work to the congregation. Council decided to make this the cause of the month for April.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie Poshusta reported a General Fund balance of -\$3990.70. A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by Tricia Milks that the money collected at the Christmas Program be put in the Youth Fund. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Tracy Smith that on the Guide 1 Insurance Worker's Comp proposal, we select NO on the 'selection or rejection' section of the deductible. Motion carried. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by John Jax to decline the donation request from Luther College. Motion carried. A motion was made by John Jax, seconded by Tracy Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building: no report
- B. Cemetery: no report
- C. Daycare: no report
- D. Finance: no report. Pat Hinz asked Nancy Smith to report each month on the offering amounts for each Sunday and the Cause of the Month amount.
- E. Life & Missions: Becky Hartwig spoke with Marlene Hanson on how she thought the before service coffee time was going. She reports that most of the comments have been positive.
- F. Personnel: no report
- G. Youth & Education: Pastor Jeremy reported that 25 youth, along with mentors, helped pack food for KIDS AGAINST HUNGER, with 4,000 meals being packed!
- H. Worship & music: no report

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy reported that he has been doing Continuing Ed, attended a Boundaries workshop and continues with services at the AHCC twice a month. Lenten services are going well. He has been in contact with Pastor Liz Erickson from St. John's in Elkton. She may be helping out in future Sr. Religious release times.

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OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

A. Audit Committee Report: this has not been done. The committee is looking for direction here. Council will discuss in April if the audit should continue within the church or be done by a professional.

B. Council Treasurer: still looking for someone to fill this position. Discussed the job description.

Taping Worship: John Deyo was contacted to make suggestions on how to improve the worship service tapes. Suggestions were to move the camera to the north side corner, purchase a different camera and to wire sound into the camera. Tracy Smith and Pastor Jeremy will look into this. Money may be available through memorials and donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bill for snow removal @ Cemetery, for funerals: Roger Weness took care of snow removal at the cemetery for some recent funerals. He submitted a bill of \$150 for 3 hours. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Tracy Smith to pay Roger Weness \$150, from the cemetery fund and to make any future payments for cemetery snow removal, from the cemetery fund. Motion carried.

B. Use of the church for band practice: request for this was made by Bev Vangsness. This has been on going. Council approved the continued use. They give a donation to the church each year.

C. Financial Statement: Discussion was held on the current financial statement form in use. Some forms state that "no goods or services were received". Inquiry about this was made to a council member. Nancy Smith will look into this.

D. Camper Support: A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Becky Hartwig to pay \$200 per camper, money to come from the Lutefisk fund. Motion carried.

E. Committee to review Building Insurance: this insurance comes due in October. We are currently covered by Guide 1. This was tabled to the April meeting.

F. Education Building Roof: Joe Matheis reported that 2 leaks have been found. Joe removed as much snow as possible before the melting started. Joe also reported that the south doors overhang is sagging. Discussion followed on getting bids for the roof and putting together a committee to work on this. Rod, Joe and Tracy volunteered to serve on this committee. Rod will begin contacting some roofing companies. Pastor will announce in church that more volunteers are needed to help out on this committee. Discussion was held on financing of the roof.

G. Religious Release: Discussion was held on what we can do to make the Religious Release Program more visible in the communities and getting support for it. Becky Hartwig offered to help Pastor Jeremy with this.

H. Cause of the Month for April: Ruth DeHoogh's Mission work in Papua, New Guinea.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

A. **April 23rd will be the next council meeting.** This is the 4th Wednesday of the month.

May 2014 Newsletter Article deadline is April 21, 2014.

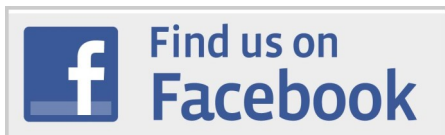
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

*Submitted pending approval in April



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