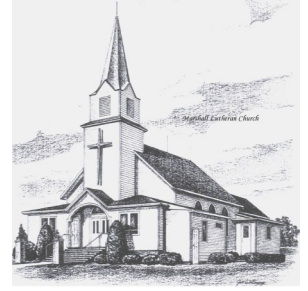


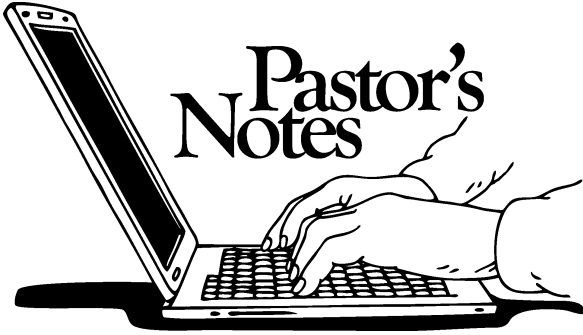


# August 2013

## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!



Over the last couple of weeks I have considered prayer a lot. Prayer is central to our faith, however prayer is also practice that I hear people say time and time again that they struggle with, including myself. We often times don't have the time, are too tired, are too distracted, or maybe

wonder if our prayers make a difference.

As I write this I am also preparing my sermon for the week, and we hear Jesus teaching us the Lord's Prayer. Jesus is certainly our greatest teacher for prayer. As Christians, we believe that "we pray to God, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit." Jesus Christ is at the center of our prayer.

What I offer to you are two things on prayer. Start out simple. End or begin your day with one thing that weighed on your heart that day. Perhaps say the Lord's Prayer, and that is it. Or perhaps say the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner." Whatever it is, keep it simple. The second thing I offer is that the cross is at the center of prayer. It is at the foot of the cross that we fall down in prayer at God's abundant love and grace.

Peace,

Pr. Jeremy



### Important Dates

August 1 & 2  
Vacation Bible School

August 7th  
Marshall Council

August 21st  
Little Cedar Council

### Thank you!

Thank you for your generous response to Moving Forward. We have made good progress towards fulfilling needs for vital ministry. Please continue to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the mission of Little Cedar Church.



Lord Jesus

Bless me with

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

Jim Bustad ~ Randy Stephenson ~ Lois Lewison  
Arvis Gunderson ~ Len Mensink ~ Arlene Howard  
Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)  
Julene Monteleone (granddaughter of June Wolf)

**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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Day Care Director	Lynn Johnson	lccdaycare@frontiernet.net

**For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059**

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 Cause of the Month for April 2013  
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**Marshall**  
 "Cemetery Fund"  
**Little Cedar**  
 "VBS/Back to School"  
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Quilters meet at Little Cedar on  
 Monday, August 5th @ 1pm

**Friends & Fellowship**  
 NO meetings until September 2013  
 Have a great summer!

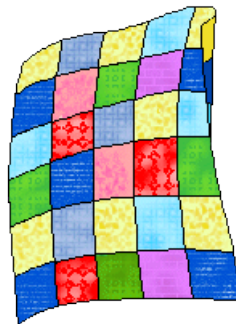
**In Honor of Rev. Harold (Huck) Usgaard**

The Synod Council invites all members of the synod to a dinner August 22 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Rochester to celebrate 12 years of ministry of Rev. Harold (Huck) Usgaard as bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. A reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m., and program at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. RSVPs are requested by August 16 and can be completed at [semnsynod.org/bishops-dinner](http://semnsynod.org/bishops-dinner) or by calling 507-280-9457 or 800-426-6376 in Minnesota with name(s) of those attending, phone number, and menu choice (pork, fish, or vegetarian) ask for details.

All are invited!



In today's world we can stay connected even more with the world around us. We have cellphones, laptops, email, facebook just to name a few. You do not have to miss anything. 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](http://www.jeremyjohnson_1.podbean.com) to listen to the latest sermon.



**Good Earth Village**

Quilt Auction!

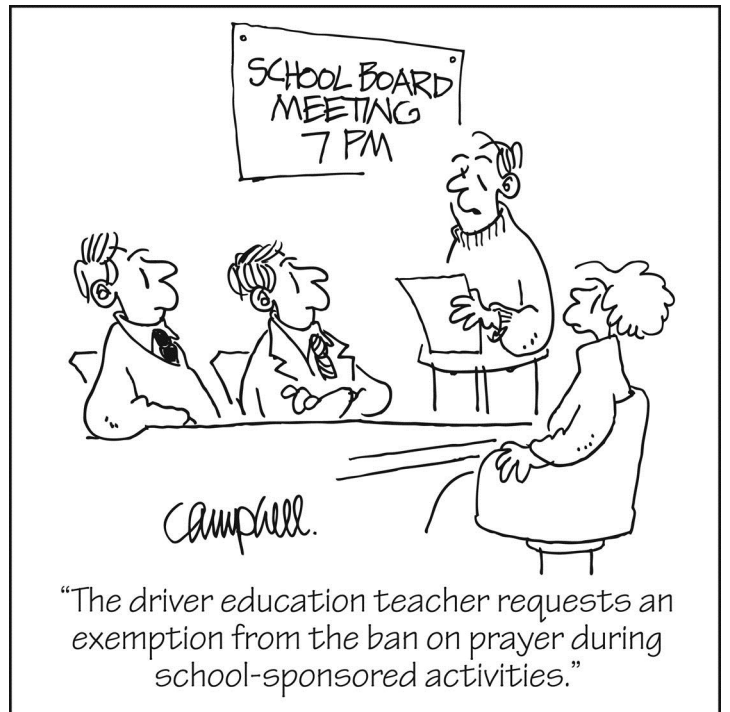
Saturday,  
 August 17, 2013

Our Savior's  
 Lutheran Church

Spring Valley, MN

Quilt Preview: 10am to 2pm

Quilt Auction: 2:30pm



"The driver education teacher requests an exemption from the ban on prayer during school-sponsored activities."

**Service Group #5**

Steve & Audrey Schroeder – Co Chairperson (582-3139)

Barb Hoffert – Co Chairperson (582-7763)

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)

Dixie Rose (582-3657)

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)

Robert Retterath

Mary Schmitz (582-3621)

Val Pitzen (515-737-2189)

Julie Schmitz (582-3696)

Wayne & Carol Schramm (582-3477)

**August**

- Communion clean-up 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Coffee Hours NONE
  - Meals on Wheels – 12<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</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 August**

Bryce Nelson

507-325-4535

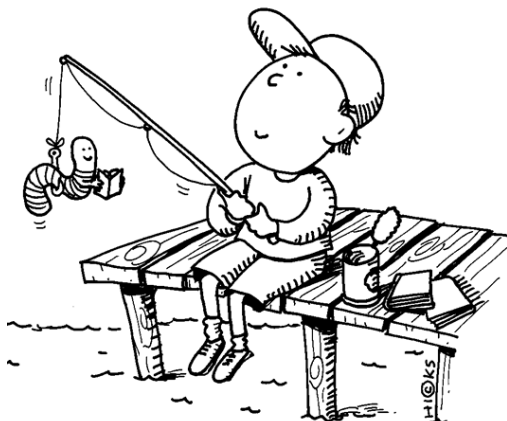
**Scripture Readers**

August 4th ~ Lyn Meany

August 11th ~ Is anyone available to read?

August 18th ~ June Wolf

August 25th ~ Marlene Hanson



# Educational News



## WOW! Where to begin!?!?

Vacation Bible School is in full swing and the kids are having a blast.

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We have been learning how to be giving, bold, forgiving, friendly and welcoming at our Everywhere Fun Fair ~ Where God's World Comes Together.

We are celebrating, making new friends and discovering God's world and that his love can be found anywhere.

Thank you so much to the wonderful students, teachers, helpers and volunteers. You all make this such an exciting, wonderful week.

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, food and money. We would not be able to do VBS if it wasn't for all of your help.

*Love the Lord your God...and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27*

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## Exciting News about the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

We kicked off this campaign on Tuesday and after the first day the students had already raised over \$100. Stay tuned for more details about this wonderful cause and the amount of money the kids raised.

## Sonshine 2013 Festival

A wonderful time was had at the Sonshine 2013 Festival. We are so proud of the students who went. They represented our churches very well. Thanks for all the donations to help make trips like this possible for our Youth. Please check the church bulletin for other items that could be donated to help us keep costs down for the families.

### Dates to Remember

- Little Cedar Rally Sunday is September 8th
- Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting is September 11th

Stay tuned for more details on the events and activities starting this fall.



Summer Fun!!



## Marshall Church Council ~ Meeting Minutes ~ July 10, 2013

Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting July 10, 2013. Present Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Brenda Hanson, Gib Seimers, Gary Kulow, Andrew Sprau, Jerry Sprau, Rhonda Hatle, Carie Hanson, Luvern Hanson and Cathy Sprau.

Chairman Dale Himebaugh called the meeting to order.

Thelma Himebaugh and Linda Ludwig shared some of highlights from the Synod Assembly which they attended June 7&8 including the election of our new bishop, Steven Delzer from Faribault, MN. Some of the resolutions discussed were campus ministry and health insurance changes for pastors.

Devotions and prayer were given by Pastor Jeremy. Pastor's report was given. Pastor Jeremy and his family along with 8 others will be attending "Sonshine" Festival July 17-20 in Willmar, MN. Pastor is currently holding a worship service at Adams Health Care Center once a month. At this time no other pastor is participating with this. He is continuing to do visitations. Pastor will be gone Sunday, August 4, 2013. Will obtain a supply pastor for the worship service.

Secretary's report was given for the month of June. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offerings for June was \$4,842.30. Cause of the month, Red Cross, was \$223.30. Total offerings thus far for 2013 is \$24,276.77. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. Reviewed expenses and the shared expenses. A motion by Gib Seimers to accept reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Kulow. Motion carried.

Cause of the month for July is Southland Food Shelf. Cause of the month for August will be Cemetery fund and "Socks for the City" for September.

**Old Business:** The outside carpet for the steps has been ordered and will be installed June 17, 2013.

Jerry Sprau shared an estimate for the church's roof he had obtained. Will continue to check into other options and replace shingles as needed for now.

Dale Himebaugh reported that the energy audit was done by Freeborn-Mower Electric. A few suggestions were given, but no major concerns were found.

**New Business:** Luvern Hanson suggested contracting LP fuel for the upcoming season as prices are lower at present. He will check into doing this.

Dale Himebaugh shared a request for additional handicap bars in the bathroom. Dale had information on the type used at the Adams Health Care Center. A motion by Jerry Sprau to purchase a safety frame for the toilet. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Kulow. Motion carried.

The family of Del Anderson would like to give a memorial to Marshall in his honor. They are asking for suggestions. Discussed several ideas for possible items for cemetery and church. Will continue to review ideas.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-August 2. Pastor Jeremy shared that there is still a need for donations and help with this. Discussed options for giving assistance with this. After much discussion, a motion by Jerry Sprau to give \$200 from our "Neighbor in Need" fund for this. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrell Gordon. Motion carried.

Continued with discussion with recording worship services. Pastor Jeremy shared that there is interest for this from shut-ins. Andrew Sprau will check into options for different devices to do this.

Marshall church council will meet August 14, 2013 for our next meeting as the Mower County fair is the first week of August.

A motion by Jerry Sprau to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Kulow. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by; (pending additions or corrections to these minutes at next meeting)

**CATHY SPRAU**, Council Secretary



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 @7:30pm. Members present: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Pat Hinz, Bill Klingerman, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Rod Nordeng, Tracy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Members absent: Becky Hartwig, Maynard Lewison, Lyn Meany, and Mary Schmitz. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz. Council members introduced themselves to Pastor Jeremy and Pastor told council a little about himself.

**DEVOTIONS/PRAYER:** Karen Anderson

**APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES:** A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Rod Nordeng to approve the secretary's minutes for May, as printed. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:**

- A. Kristina Matheis was present to report on the Synod Assembly she attended June 7-8.
- B. Osmundson Brothers Letter: they will no longer be hauling rock.
- C. ELCA letter on Credit Union: the ELCA is exploring the feasibility of establishing a credit union. They are asking churches to respond to a survey on this matter. Rod Nordeng will take care of doing this.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jaymie reported a -\$13, 091.18 in the general fund balance and a checking account balance of \$6791.09. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Tricia Milks to draw up a letter to send to church members explaining the expenses coming up and the finances of the church. Discussion followed. Motion carried. Pastor Jeremy and Jaymie Poshusta will work on this letter to the congregation. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Bill Klingerman to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Building: Pat Hinz reporting in Maynard Lewison's absence. The estimate for the new sidewalk by the daycare is between \$2000 and \$2500. Cracks in the parking lot should be fixed this summer yet. He received an estimate for a new roof over the fellowship hall: over \$40,000. He will get another estimate to have in case we need to proceed with this.

B. Cemetery: Tracy Smith reported that the committee will be replacing shrubs outside the fence and replace the locks on the shed to make it more secure and will clean it out. They would like to have a cement pad or concrete pavers to set the water tub on. Some holes were filled in on the roadway. Janet Stephenson is working with Dan Young on the directory. Janet is also working on getting all the graves on findagrave.com. Anderson Memorials will plot out the new section of the cemetery. The cemetery committee has been approached by 2 families who would like to plant some trees near the north end of the middle section. The committee would like to design an overall plan for trees in the new section. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Gordy Briggs to allow the cemetery committee to go ahead with an overall plan for the cemetery, which includes planting trees and plotting out the new section of the cemetery. Motion carried.

C. Daycare: Linda Gilles reported that Morgan Mortenson received the Daycare Scholarship and recognized her thank you as well as a thank you from Sarah Schmit, the High School Counselor. They reviewed the March and April income/expenses. Karen Anderson added that the numbers are down this summer but should pick up again in the next month or so.

D. Finance: no report

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E. Life/Missions: Becky Hartwig reported via email. Suggestion for the July Cause of the Month: Adams Swim pool. Her committee discussed the shaking of hands during the sign of the peace. Installation of Pastor Jeremy is June 23, 2013. It will be followed by a potluck @ noon.

F. Personnel: Gordy Briggs reported that he spoke with Kathy Voigt about sick days. The committee thought it best to deal with any changes to the number of days and how they are labeled, in the fall, when they do their staff reviews, then bring to the council for approval. Gordy asked if Little Cedar would be willing to take a turn at hosting the Memorial Day Lunch. St. John's of Elkton and Sacred Heart currently do this, alternating years. Little Cedar could alternate with Sacred Heart. They generally serve between 100-125 people. The lunch is free will offering and the legion gives \$100 to the group serving. Council tabled this for another meeting.

G. Youth/Education: Tricia Milks reported that work is being done on VBS.

H. Worship/Music: no report

**PASTOR'S REPORT**: Pastor Jeremy reported that he will be attending a marriage workshop to be certified to counsel couples wishing to be married. The Sonshine Festival is in July and he has had a church service at the AHCC and will have another in July.

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**: none

**NEW BUSINESS**:

A. Bill for bussing students to/from religious release classes: the bill comes to \$612.50

B. Energy Audit: Alliant provides a free energy audit. Discussion. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Rod Nordeng to have the church proceed with the Alliant audit. Motion carried. Joe Matheis will take care of setting this up.

C. Campus Ministry: discussion on the possibility of having campus ministries come to church and speak, to encourage/inform our college bound students of the church ministries on college campuses. Pat will take this idea to the worship/music committee to discuss.

D. Malaria campaign: Discussion. Pastor Jeremy said that the VBS hadn't decided on an offering idea. That could be a possibility. Will check with Tara Mandt about this.

E. Cause of the Month for July: Adams Swim Pool

F. Devotions for July: Linda Gilles

**DATES to REMEMBER**: July 2013 Newsletter Article Deadline is June 21, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**: A motion by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Bill Klingerman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.



*Linda Gilles, Council Secretary*

**Mower County is in desperate need of mentors for its youth.**

Men and women of today, the men and women of tomorrow need you NOW. Twenty-two boys and nine girls from throughout Mower County are waiting for a mentor to step forward to spend time with them, guide them, have fun with them. Won't you please consider volunteering a few hours a week to positively impact a child? You have God given talents; please think about using your talents to make a child's life a little better. Call 507-440-5487 to get more information.





## Celebrating 25 Years

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2013 under the theme, "Always being made new." What God is doing through us here at home and around the world is worth celebrating. As you embark in ministry during this anniversary year, take a look back at the people and events that have shaped us as a church while looking toward the future together anew.

### *If anyone is in Christ...*

We are deeply rooted. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is still comparatively new as a church body, and yet our roots are much deeper than our 25 years together. The taproot of our life extends through the histories of predecessor churches in the United States, through the formative witness of the 16th century evangelical reformers and their confessional writings, to the Scriptures and the word of Christ. Our life is in Jesus Christ. We are deeply rooted in his word of forgiveness and the promises of God's steadfast love and mercy. The word of Christ dwells in us richly. God nourishes us as one body in Jesus Christ with companions from around the globe who meet us at Christ's table of grace.

### *...there is a new creation*

We are being made new every day. In Jesus Christ we are not unchanged. What God does in Christ is as radical as the death and resurrection of baptism, where new creatures in Christ rise to live "no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them." God is bringing that new creation to life among us in the ministry of reconciliation. In that service we no longer see each other as we did before. We are no longer strangers, competitors, or enemies to each other. We are beloved companions in one body, restored to a communion where the rich diversity of our experiences, wisdom and abilities serve the common good in Christ. The new creation in Christ rises to life among us every day.

### *"God's work. Our hands." Sunday*

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate our 25th anniversary as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve

# Always being made New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

and love our neighbor.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. On Sept., 8, 2013, let's join together as 4 million members, nearly 10,000 congregations, 65 synods, and the churchwide expression for a dedicated day of service.

Let's clean up neighborhoods, deliver meals, collect supplies for refugees overseas, visit our neighbors or help a child learn to read.

You work every day to welcome your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together as one body, using our hands to do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.

Resources such as bulletin inserts and t-shirts are available online at [www.ELCA.org/25years](http://www.ELCA.org/25years) to help prepare your congregation's dedicated day of service.

## More Information

Information about and resources for both the anniversary theme and "God's work. Our hands." Sunday are online at [www.ELCA.org/25years](http://www.ELCA.org/25years)

## About Our Synod

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 124,000 baptized people in 176 congregations as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

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## It is time to start looking for items for the Lutheran World Relief Kits!!

Please look at each list carefully as some changes have been made.

### Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



**\*Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### Include the following items in each Baby Care Kit:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, *or include a baby cap*
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins



**Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:
  - 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
  - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
  - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
  - Two spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each



Fabric should have no stains or holes. Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or a strip of fabric. Do not enclose the Fabric Kit or any of its contents in a plastic bag.

### Include the following items in each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser
- Drawstring School Bag will be provided



**Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

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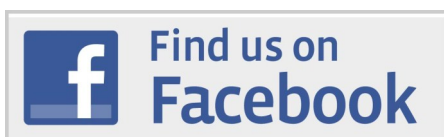
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