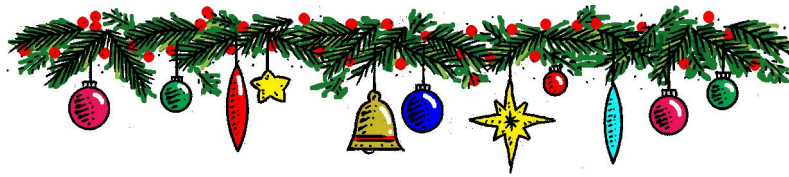




# December 2014



## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Happy Advent Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

And so the craziness of preparing for Christmas begins! Stringing lights, decking the halls with decorations, shopping for gifts, baking goodies, and preparing all the food. I don't know that there is any other holiday busier than Christmas. There are so many preparations that need to be done. I think most of us enjoy all those preparations, because it builds up the excitement for Christmas. We need that time to prepare for such a big holiday.

Mary seems to have very little time to prepare. Can you imagine having an angel appearing to you and declaring that you are going to give birth to the Son of God. If I was Mary, I think I would have probably laughed, or told the Angel he's crazy. But Mary responds with faith, saying, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

What is neat of Mary's response is that she is very humble. She doesn't seem to carry herself about like she was worthy of this honor. She doesn't accept the declaration with self-righteousness, but instead seems to realize that in all things God is at work. It is God who is at work!

As we make of these preparations for Christmas, we also remember that it is God who is at work. The birth of God's son, Jesus Christ, is a gift to us. We do nothing to be worthy of this gift. At Christmas, the greatest gift we receive is the forgiveness, love, peace, and joy that is found in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Wishing you a blessed, fun, fulfilling, and safe Holiday season this year!

In Christ,

*Pr. Jeremy*



<u>Important Dates</u>	
<u>December 3rd</u>	Marshall Council
<u>December 7th</u>	Marshall Dinner & Caroling
<u>December 14th</u>	Marshall Christmas Program
<u>December 17th</u>	Little Cedar Council

<u>Christmas Schedule</u>	
Sunday School Christmas Programs	
Marshall ~ December 14th ~ 10:30am	
Little Cedar ~ December 21st ~ 9:00am	
<u>Christmas Eve Worship Weds., December 24th</u>	
Little Cedar 5:00pm	
Marshall 7:30pm	



**“I WILL RAISE  
UP YOUR  
OFFSPRING  
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AND I WILL  
ESTABLISH  
HIS KINGDOM.”**

2 SAMUEL 7:12, NRSV

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

Amy Sprau~Joyce Halver~Adrian Merge  
Darrel Gordon~Marge Bartholmey~Dan Morgan~  
Arvis Gunderson~Val Pitzen~Jim Bustad~Norma Larson  
Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)



**Baptisms:** Little Cedar  
Brecken Alexander Jax ~ Parents Kevin & Angela Jax

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

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

♪Said the king to the people everywhere, listen to what I say. Pray for peace, people everywhere!  
Listen to what I say. The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night He will bring us goodness and light.♪  
From the song “Little Drummer Boy”



Quilters meet at Little Cedar  
December ??? @ 1:00pm



**Daycare News!!!**

Merry Christmas to all of you from Little Cedar Daycare. We have a few things we need for the Daycare. After awhile things seem to wear out or new ideas come to us, so we put up a tree in the church entryway with gift ideas you could purchase and donate to the kids. Thank you for thinking of us. God's Blessing!

**Advent Wreaths for Sale**

If you would like to purchase an Advent wreath for you and your family for the season, please let the church office know. The cost is \$7.00 which includes the wreath and 4 tapers.



**That's My Pan Fundraiser**

The Youth going to Detroit are selling "That's My Pan" items.

You can still order. For Christmas delivery talk to Tara before December 8th otherwise we are taking orders through December 31st. Please consider supporting our Youth as they prepare for their trip next summer.

**Marshall Cause of the Month**  
**for December 2014**

"Southland Foodshelf"

**Salvation Army Angel Tree**



The Angel Tree is up at Little Cedar. Please take your tag (s) and fill in your name on the sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

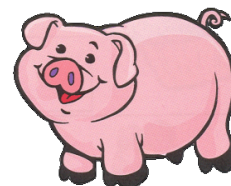
Have your **unwrapped** gift and tag returned to the church by December 14th.

**A PIG IN THE PEN IS  
MONEY IN THE BANK!!!!**

**\*\*\*ELCA Good Gifts Mission Project\*\*\***

Did you know just \$30 can provide a piglet to a family in need. When this little piggy grows up, she will give birth to as many as 16 piglets each year. Pigs help fertilize fields, provide food to eat and can be sold at market for much-needed income. Together lets see how many piglets we can raise!!! Things are going so well the pens are filling up! So far the Council is in the lead but that can change really fast. Keep those donations coming!

**Buy a pig  
\$30**



### Christmas Schedule

Marshall Sunday School Christmas Program ~ December 14th 10:30am  
Little Cedar Sunday School Christmas Program ~ December 21st 9:00am  
There will not be Communion at Little Cedar.

### Christmas Eve Worship

Little Cedar 5:00pm  
Marshall 7:30pm

## ***Friends & Fellowship***

Tuesday, December 9th  
@ Little Cedar  
Program @ 11:00am  
Lunch @ Noon  
Cost \$5  
All are welcome!!!



### Marshall Dinner & Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 7th following worship the youth will be serving Meatballs to raise money for their trip to Detroit this summer. Come and enjoy dinner and then head out to Caroling for our Shut-ins!!!

### **\*\*\*\*Advent Tea\*\*\*\***



Saturday, December 6th ~ Little Cedar  
At 2:00pm. There are still tickets available at the church office and at Marshall Church!!! Cost \$6



Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. The Senior LYO will be delivering them during their Christmas Party on December 14th. Please bring them to Little Cedar (anytime up until 4pm on the 14th) and Marshall (no later than church on the 14th). Thanks for considering!

### 🎵Wine Tasting with Music🎵



The Adams American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a wine tasting, snack and dessert program on December 7th at 3pm at the Adams Legion Post 146.

Entertainment will be provided by the "4 Man Trio" from the Southland Music Department and the Forty Milers Barbershop. Music will be a combination of patriotic songs along with selection of Christmas Music. This will be the Forty Milers only Holiday Concert. Cost is \$3.





**Service Group #6**

Larry & Ann Tompkins (582-7743) Co- Chairperson

John & Cindy Jax – Co-Chairperson (582-7797)

Nancy Thalberg (582-3300)

Nancy Smith Family (582-7826)

Al & Pat Sorenson (582-3223)

Mark & Lilly Sorenson Family (438-6354)

Randy & Janet Stephenson (433-7582)

Kerry Stroup (437-4329)

Jon & Laura Stroup (438-8995)

Virgil Bergene (582-3254)

Cathy Sumner (440-5068)

LeRoy & Karen Swanson (582-3416)

Marlo & Marilyn Thorstenson (582-3605)

Dean Tipton (582-3417)

Randy & RoeAnn Voigt (582-7717)

Kendal & Deb Klaehn (582-3224)

Beau & Holly Voigt (272-3840)

Jill Sheehan Family (434-9622)

Tracy & Angie Smith (440-5404)

Jon Thalberg

Gretchen Thome

**December 2014**

Communion Clean-up  
7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Coffee Hours  
14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

Deliver Meals on Wheel  
29<sup>th</sup> thru 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 December**

John Jax  
507-582-7797



♪Let Heaven and Nature sing!!!♪


**December Readers**

7th ~ Carol Matheis

14th ~ Dakota Johnson & Jacob Stephens

21st ~ Christmas Program

28th ~ Jim Osmundson



# YOUTH activities



**ELCA National**

**Youth Gathering is in Detroit from July 13th through July 19th,**

**Attention Youth traveling to Detroit:**

That's My Pan Fundraiser—If you have not picked up your order form and catalog, please do so ASAP. We are selling until December 31st but if you want Christmas deliver, please have the orders in by December 8th. If you have orders to turn in, please feel free to bring them in at anytime. If you have any questions, please let Tara know.

**Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 8th. It is our Christmas Party and delivering the toys to Toys for Tots. We will plan to leave Little Cedar at 4:30pm. Please bring a toy to donate and a White Elephant gift to share. Let Tara know if you are coming so we have enough drivers.

**Christmas Eve**—High School students are asked to help at the Christmas Eve Worship. Stay tuned for details and assignments! Let Tara know if you won't be able to be here. Little Cedar is at 5pm and Marshall at 7pm.

**Schwans-Cares Fundraiser:** Please continue to support the LYO on their fundraiser for the trip to Detroit in 2015. We still earn 5% of any purchases made. It is a super easy and delicious fundraiser! All you have to do is go to <https://schwans.flipgive.com/campaigns/10024-lyo-detroit-2015/fundraisers#content> and pick a student you would like to support or call 1-855-870-7208 and mention that you are purchasing for the LYO Detroit 2015 fundraiser and the items will be delivered right to your door! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tara Mandt.

**R.O.C.** (Junior High Students) - Our Christmas party will be on December 7th. Stay tuned for details!

## Educational News



**Little Cedar Sunday School News**

We continue to practice for the Christmas Program! We will have practice on Sunday, December 7th and 14th. We may possible have a practice on Saturday, December 20th. Watch for costume details etc. via email. Our program is at 9am on Sunday, December 21st. Please plan to be here at 8:30am for practice and warm up!

There is no Sunday School on December 28th or January 4th!

We will see you back on January 11th.

The Tale of the Three Trees



**Marshall Sunday School News**

Our Christmas Program is on December 14th.

Sunday School will resume on January 11th.

**Looking ahead:**

December 7th—Advent Workshop for Children (watch for details) at Little Cedar

December 7th—Fellowship Dinner and Christmas Caroling at Marshall

# Confirmation News & Worship News



**Marshall Church Assistants**  
**December 7 - Haley Whipple**  
 December 14 - Kendra Emanuel  
**December 21 - Erin Hanson**  
 December 28 - Isaac Himebaugh

We do **NOT** have Confirmation on Wednesday, December 24th or 31st! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Little Cedar Church Assistants**  
**U=Usher G=Greeter**  
 December 7 - **U:** Malina Luke **G:** Carter Johnson  
**Communion Family:** Kylie Poshusta  
 December 14 - **U:** Noah Milks **G:** Noah Lamp  
 December 21 - **U:** Lexi Smith **G:** Hannah McMasters  
 December 28 - **U:** Cole Medgaarden **G:** Dawson Gilson

**Confirmation Meals**  
 December 3—Scott & Tammy McMasters  
 December 10—Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden



**Little Cedar Communion Helpers**  
 December 7—Maddie Wolff

**Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is**  
**December 14th**  
 Ushers: Chase Gilson & Olivia Gray  
 Readers: Dakota Johnson & Jacob Stephens

**Little Cedar Acolyte & Worship Assistant Schedule:**  
 December 7 - Eli Wolff  
 December 14 - Lydia Wik  
 December 21 - Avery Medgaarden  
 December 28 - Chase Johnson

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



## Worship Helpers

## Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order by Dale Himebaugh. The Secretary's report from October was read. Carie gave the Financial Secretary's report with the total offering for the month of Oct being \$3220.00. Cause of the Month offering was \$206.86. Luvern gave the Treasurer's report. Jerry Sprau made the motion that the reports be accepted as read with Rhonda Hatle seconding the motion. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Southland Foodshelf will be the Cause of the month for December. The confirmation students/Sunday School students will be raising money for Pigs/farm animals and on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the total will be announced. Luther College will be coming to do the church service on November 16<sup>th</sup>. There was a reminder to bring any additional supplies to church for the Socks in the City that will be going to the cities on Mon, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Marshall will be doing the Salvation Army meal on Tues, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>. Next year, the meals will be served on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Craig and Julie Hanson requested the use of the Church's basement on November 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their son Jon's Eagle Scout accomplishment. Instead of a potluck before Christmas caroling on Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, the kids that are going on the Detroit trip next summer will be providing the meal for a free will donation to help raise funds for their trip.

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

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Carie Hanson, Financial Secretary





### Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 @7:30pm. Members present: Karen Anderson, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Rod Nordeng, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Nancy Smith, Millie Weness, Linda Gilles, and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Members absent: Cathy Roser and Lani Wolff. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Pat Hinz.

**DEVOTIONS/PRAYER:** Pat Hinz

**APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mary Schmitz, seconded by Rod Nordeng to approve the October 2014 Council Minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:** Information was received from Habitat for Humanity that their ReStore, in Austin, is moving to a new location in the Sterling Shopping Center. They are open to receive donations and for shopping.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** presented by Millie Weness. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Becky Hartwig to approve the Treasurer's report, as presented. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Building: Joe Matheis reported that the insurance company was contacted about coverage to replace the mixer in the sound system. Discussion. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Joe Matheis to contact David Lagerstedt to order a new mixer for the sound system, money to come from the Memorial Funds. Motion carried.

B. Cemetery: no report

C. Daycare: Linda Gilles reported that the committee has purchased books to give each daycare child for Christmas.

D. Finance: Nancy Smith presented the Sunday Offerings report for the last 4 Sundays.

E. Life & Missions: Becky Hartwig reported that she has contacted the Salvation Army in regard to the Sharing Tree we will participate in this December.

F. Personnel: item found under Outstanding Business

G. Youth & Education: see Pastor's Report for info.

Worship & Music: no report

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**Little Cedar Council Minutes continued~**

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Jeremy reported that the Central Lutheran visit is Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School Christmas program, "Tale of Three Trees" will be presented Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. A breakfast will be served before this program, with proceeds going to the LYO Detroit trip. A Men's Advent Breakfast is planned for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, with a free will offering going to the Southland Food Shelf. The Thanksgiving Service is Wednesday, November 26, @7pm, at Little Cedar, with pie and coffee to follow. The fundraising for the Detroit youth trip is on track and the Sr. LYO is going strong, with good numbers participating in the activities.

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:**

A. Job Descriptions/Contracts: A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Tracy Smith to approve the Job Descriptions and Contracts, as presented by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

B. Sexual Misconduct Policy for Insurance: need a formal written policy. Will look into this further and check with the Synod Office.

"Good Gifts Pig Project": just a reminder of this project, which is up and running.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Christmas Day Service: discussion on numbers attending. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Tracy Smith to suspend with the Christmas Day service this year, due to declining participation. Motion carried.

Cause of the Month for December: Lutheran Ebola Disaster Response

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

A. Next Council Meeting: December 17<sup>th</sup> @7:30pm @ the Rose Pedaler Cabin, in Rose Creek.

December Newsletter Article Deadline: November 21, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT:** the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

*Linda Gilles*, Council Secretary



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