

December 2013

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Advent Message

From the Pastor



Happy Advent Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

Advent is upon us! I wanted to wish you a Merry Christmas, but I thought I might get complaints. I can hardly wait for Christmas :) Advent, however, is a time of waiting. Waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us!

We are a waiting people, whether we like it or not. It's something we hate to do. In our society of instant-gratification, drive-thru-windows, two-minute-oatmeal, microwaveable, instant-credit-approval society, it can be difficult to be a waiting people. But none the less, we are a waiting people.

In Advent we anticipate Christmas. We wait and prepare for the promised coming of the child of Bethlehem. For some, this waiting means active preparation and excitement. For some, it means a deep loneliness, missing loved ones, and a reality far different from the tranquil Christmas postcard. We wait and hope for a renewed experience of God-with-us, for a renewed knowledge of Christ's presence.

Yes we do wait for the coming of Christ in his full power and glory, but during advent we also celebrate that indeed God is with us. There is no need to wait for the Lord, for the Lord is already here. God so wants to be with us, that God would send the one and only Son into humanity to reconcile all people to God.

So no matter where you find yourself this Christmas season, remember that God is indeed with us! Emmanuel!! We don't like to wait, but we do wait. We wait watchfully and stay awake, waiting for the full power and glory of God to be revealed. Although we do wait, we also don't forget that God is indeed with us today, tomorrow, and everyday after that; no matter where we find ourselves, God is with us!

If you haven't signed up for the Bibl-E-Study, sign up with the church office! I will also make hardcopies available on the table outside the church office. During advent we'll take a look at the Unusual Bunch gathered around the manger!

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

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

December 4th

Marshall Council

December 8th

Senior LYO Christmas

December 15th

Little Cedar Program 9am
Marshall Program 10:30am

December 18th

Little Cedar Council

December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship
Little Cedar @ 5pm
Marshall @ 7pm

December 25th

Christmas Worship
@ Little Cedar



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Christmas Schedule

Sunday School Christmas Programs ~ December 15th

There will not be Communion at Little Cedar or Marshall.

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

Christmas Eve Worship

Little Cedar 5:00pm

Marshall 7:00pm

Christmas Day Worship

Little Cedar @ 9am



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

Lillian Sprau ~ Bonnie Johnson ~ Mort Kellogg ~ Lois Lewison ~ George Nolte
Arvis Gunderson ~ Neil Johnson (Brenda Hanson's Father)
Katherine Immecker (Pat Hinz Mother)
Linda Anderson & Family on the death of her Mother Shirley Deidrich
Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)
Julene Monteleone (granddaughter of June Wolf)

Births @ Little Cedar:

Adrian Mergen Parents Kyle & Sarah, siblings Alizha, Gavin & Taya
Blakely Meyer Parents Chans & Holly, siblings Kiyanna & Easton

Funerals @ Little Cedar:

Harvey B. Sathre November 23, 2013

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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Day Care Director	Lynn Johnson	lccdaycare@frontiernet.net

For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059

 Cause of the Month for December 2013
Little Cedar & Marshall
 "Southland Foodshelf"



Quilters meet at Little Cedar
 Monday, December 3rd @ 1pm

Bibl-E Study
 If you would like to be included in the online Bible Study.
 Please let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on The list to receive weekly readings and information.

Friends & Fellowship
 Tuesday, December 10th @ Little Cedar
 Program @ 11am
 Noon Meal
 Cost \$5
 All are welcome!

The Senior LYO would like to thank everyone who helped them with their Annual Scavenger Hunt for Food for the Southland Food Shelf. They broke their record again this year with 369 lbs. and \$30.

Church Photo Directory



Join us as we

Connect our Families!

We have started the process of a new family directory. Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

We will have more details in January but the dates are Wednesday, February 19th through Saturday, February 22nd and then one day on Tuesday, June 24th.

Fort Milers
 Will be performing a "Christmas Harmony Concert"
 At Little Cedar on Sunday, December 8th at 2:30pm.
 All are welcome to attend. Free will offering for:
 Camp Winnebago, Calendonia, MN



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 13th.



The Little Cedar Sunday School is excited to present "Bethlehem Inn" on December 15th at 9am.

****New this Year****

We will be experiencing the real Christmas! We will be serving breakfast during the production and it will start in the Fellowship Hall.

To help us get a better count for food to be served, please R.S.V.P. to Tara or Kathy by Monday, December 9th if you plan to attend.

There will be a Free Will Offering taken.

Southland Foodshelf: At this time the foodshelf is in need of donations of money to help us serve the 50+ families we currently are supplying food for. You may drop your donations off at the church office. Make checks payable to: Southland Foodshelf. Thank you for your support.



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 (440-4691)

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 Family (582-1406)

Robert Retterath

Mary Schmitz (582-3621)

Val Pitzen (515-737-2189)

Julie Schmitz (582-3696)

Wayne & Carol Schramm (582-3477)



December 2013
Communion Clean-up
 1st & 24th
Coffee Hours
 8th, 15th, 22rd & 29th
 LYO has Coffee Hour on the 1st
 -Extra on the 15th for the
 Christmas Program
Deliver Meals on Wheels
 30th & 31st

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



Head Usher for December
John Jax
582-7797



Scripture Readers
 December 1st ~ Marlene Hanson
 December 8th ~ Delanie Barnes & Lucas Mandt
 December 15th ~ Christmas Program
 December 22nd ~ Millie Weness
 December 29th ~ Laura Meany

Youth activities

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. Please also sign-up outside Tara's office.



Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is December 1st

Bill & Joann Klingerman, Leader
Max Klingerman, Alyssa Anderson and Carma Sheehan

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

December 1—Sarah Sorenson
December 24—Senior LYO

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is December 8th

Ushers: Tyler Crumb & Jacob Anderson
Readers: Delanie Barnes & Lucas Mandt

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

Our next meeting will be on December 22nd. Stay tuned for details but it will be our Christmas Party and Service Project for the Food Shelf.

Educational News



*The Little Cedar Sunday School
Christmas Program will be on
December 15th at 9am.*

Christmas Program

*This year's program is "Bethlehem Inn" and
is for our Preschool through 8th Grade students.*

*We will practice on December 1st and December 8th.
We will have a practice on Saturday, December 14th if
needed ~ time to be determined.
Can't wait for another wonderful show!*



Sunday School Program

Marshall Sunday School

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th at 10:30am.
Practice will be Saturday, December 14th
from 10:30-12:00pm with Pizza at 12:00pm
Parents are welcome to join us!



There is no Sunday School on December 22nd or 29th at Little Cedar and Marshall!

We will see you back on January 5th.

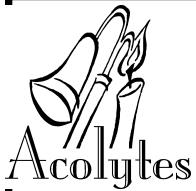
Wishing you all a safe
and wonderful
Christmas Season and a joyous
New Year!

Confirmation and Worship News

There is **NO** class on Wednesday, December 25th and January 1st. Have a great Holiday break!!

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Confirmation Meal Family for December

- December 4—Brad & Maria Johnson
 - December 11—Amy Stephens
 - December 18—Lee & Lita Luke
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Little Cedar Acolytes and Worship Assistants

- December 1—Cade Sheehan
- December 8—Alexis Smith
- December 15—Lydia Wik
- December 22—Dawson Gilson
- December 29—Carter Johnson

Little Cedar Church Assistants

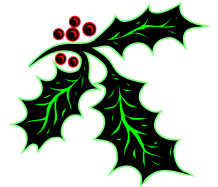
U=Usher G=Greeter

- December 1 - **U:** Noah Milks **G:** Kylie Poshusta
- Communion Family:** Hannah McMasters
- December 8 - **U:** Jacob Stephens **G:** Cody Crumb
- December 15 - **U:** Hannah McMasters **G:** Dakota Johnson
- December 22 - **U:** Cole Medgaarden **G:** Jacob Stephens
- December 29 - **U:** Cole Medgaarden **G:** Rachel Meany

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Marshall Church Assistants

- December 1 - Erin Hanson**
- December 8 - Nick Mensink
- December 15 - Asa Smith
- December 22 - Kendra Emanuel
- December 29 - Erin Hanson



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.



Campbell
"I'm a king in the living Nativity. I need some gold and a camel by Friday."

WELCA Lutefisk Day Totals

Bazaar ~ \$806.70

Bake Sale ~ \$480.00

Grandmas Attic ~ \$735.35

Coffee ~ \$152.88

Thank you to all the Ladies of the church who work tirelessly to get this all together for Lutefisk Day.

November 6, 2013

Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting November 6, 2013. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Brenda Hanson, Andrew Sprau, Gary Kulow, Rhonda Hatle, Gib Seimers, Carie Hanson, Luvern Hanson and Cathy Sprau. Absent: Jerry Sprau.

Dale Himebaugh called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jeremy gave devotions and prayer.

Pastor's report was given. He shared that we will have a guest speaker, Rev. Peter Reuss, Director for Evangelical Missions on Sunday November 17, 2013. Pastor will be gone Sunday, December 29, 2013. It was suggested that we do a hymn sing with Christmas carols and readings, thus would not need a pulpit supply. Discussion on having another "5th quarter" for the youth after a ball game.

Rhonda Hatle read a youth report from Tara Mandt. Pastor Jeremy invited council members to his home for the December council meeting. (December 4, 2013).

Secretary's report was given for the month of October. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offerings for October was \$4,110.86. Cause of the month was \$330.36, "Neighbor in Need". Total offerings thus far for 2013 is \$43,846.83. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. \$397.44 was paid to Eleanor Gordon for socks for Central Lutheran. Reviewed expenses and current budget. A motion by Gary Kulow to accept reports. 2nd by Rhonda Hatle. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Central Lutheran trip is Monday, November 25, 2013. We are still collecting items for this. Brenda Hanson offered to purchase laundry detergent with the remaining \$30 from the cause of the month fund.

Dale Himebaugh shared that the damaged and loose shingles have been repaired on the roof. Will continue to discuss options for replacing entire roof.

The worship service is being recorded each week and seems to be working OK for now. It was decided to just pass the DVD around at the Health Care Center and Cedar Court apartments for viewing.

Discussion continues on same gender marriages being held at Marshall Church.

New Business: Pastor Jeremy asked the council members if we were interested in doing a new church directory with Little Cedar at this time? After much discussion, a motion by Gib Seimers to do a new church directory with Little Cedar. 2nd by Gary Kulow. Motion carried.

Salvation Army meal will be served November 12, 2013. Eleanor Gordon will take care of this.

Decided to continue to receive "Focus on the Family" inserts for the bulletin.

Dale Himebaugh shared a card with a gift of money from the Ruby Underdahl family. The money will be used for the cemetery.

A motion by Gary Kulow to pay a bill of \$238.31 for a "Neighbor in Need". 2nd by Andrew Sprau. Motion carried.

A request for a large print bulletin to be available for the vision impaired. Also discussed a large print hymnal. Could possibly use money from memorial fund for this.

Pastor asked if the Forty-Milers could be an option for a worship service at Marshall or a joint service with Little Cedar. Council members preferred our own service at Marshall.

A motion by Gary Kulow to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Gib Seimers. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by (pending additions or corrections at next meeting)

CATHY SPROU, Council Secretary



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:30pm. Members present: Gordy Briggs, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Bill Klingerman, Maynard Lewison, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith and Pastor Jeremy. Members absent: Karen Anderson, Tricia Milks, and Rod Nordeng. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER: Linda Gilles

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: correction to the October minutes was noted: under the Pastor's Report **the motion should have read:** approval of Pastor Jeremy to preside over the out of town Schroeder wedding on July 26, 2014, with the Schroeder family paying pulpit supply for Sunday, July 27th. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Becky Hartwig to approve the council minutes of October 2013, as printed, with the correction noted. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

- A. Thank you read from JJ's Pick-up Band for letting them use the church for practice.
- B. Synod letter and Info: letter was received from Peter Reuss thanking us for our mission support in the past along with other general information.
- C. Luther Seminary Endowed Scholarship Fund: letter received on scholarship info.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie reported a General Fund balance of -\$7976.64 and a Checking Account balance of \$16,549.74. \$20,000 was transferred from the Knutson Fund to the General Fund. Finance Committee will be meeting soon to set the budget for 2014. Jaymie asked council for input on where cuts can be made. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Bill Klingerman to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building: Maynard reported on the parking lot.
- B. Cemetery: Tracy reported that the directory is almost ready to install.
- C. Daycare: no report
- D. Finance: no report
- E. Life & Missions: Becky reported that new members will be recognized on Sunday, January 12th, with cake served following worship.
- F. Personnel: no report
- G. Youth & Education: Lyn reported on the Sunday School program "Bethlehem Inn", to be presented December 15th. Pastor Jeremy presented a balance sheet on Vacation Bible School 2013. Total cost was \$383.40.
- H. Worship & Music: no report

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy reported that the AHCC will take the worship service recordings and show to the residents. Stewardship campaign went well. The synod is beginning something new called the "synod communicator". They would like each church to have a synod communicator, who would be a go between, between the synod and the churches.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Rental Policy: Becky and Pat worked on the rental policy and presented a revised one. It was discussed that under "showers", member means the shower honoree. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Bill Klingerman to accept the rental policy as written, with the word member, under showers, be noted to mean shower honoree. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Monetary Contributions (Lutefisk missions): this was discussed during the treasurer's report. Jaymie reported that the Synod will be paid this month.
- B. Stocks: Pastor Jeremy reported that 100 shares of IBM stock was given to the church by an anonymous donor, to be cashed in and used for general fund purposes. Pat suggested a thank you be sent. A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Bill Klingerman to earmark the IBM gift money to be used for the fellowship hall roof. Motion carried.
- C. Church Insurance: discussion on how often payments are made and who is responsible to review the policy when it comes up for renewal.
- D. December meeting: Pastor Jeremy invited council to meet in December, at his home, at 7:30 pm.
- E. Water Heater Rebate: Pat and Kathy will fill out the form to apply for a \$50 rebate on the water heater.
- F. December Cause of the Month: Southland Area Food Shelf.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Mary Schmitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

*Minutes subject to approval in December.



What exactly is a Director for Evangelical Mission? **Part Two**

By Rev. Peter Reuss

Director for Evangelical Mission, Southeastern Minnesota Synod

I have the responsibility of working with congregations in times of renewal (and in this fast-changing world, every congregation is in a time of renewal!). I am a part of the Congregational Renewal Table, which promotes mission-minded congregations, encourages congregations to collaborate in ministry, and connects mentors and congregations. This table has led the Excelling in Mission events for the past few years and looks forward to working with congregations discerning God's call for the future.

It takes a lot of support to keep things moving forward in mission. The third role of a DEM is to work with the Mission Support table to help provide the resources to allow God's work to be done throughout the synod. The New Ministry and Congregational Renewal Tables abound in exciting stories of what God does throughout the synod. This passion for mission spills over to the Mission Support table as they bring people on board to support this great mission.

New Starts. Congregational Renewal. Mission Support. My title may not be as clear, but my role is quite specific.



Good Earth Village Upcoming Events

Cookie Bake

Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 - 5:30pm

Cost: \$45 per person

Location: Barr Lodge



Program Information: We provide participants with recipes, baking supplies, and chef guidance. There will be ten different recipes to bake, taste and take home to share (participants provide their own containers). Devotions, a holiday snack and fellowship, plus the joy of baking, offer a great way to create holiday memories and traditions.

Carols of Christmas

Tuesday, December 10 from 9 am - 2pm

Cost: \$25 per person

Where: Log Lodge



Program Information: Enjoy sharing in good Christmas cheer as local southeastern Minnesota musicians lead a program centered around the wonderful Christmas tradition of "caroling." Participants will enjoy worship, the musical gifts of our guest leaders, a holiday lunch and lots of carol singing, all held in our picturesque Log Lodge.

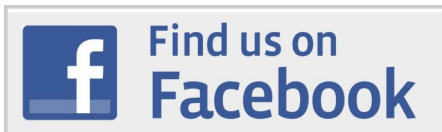
You can register by calling 507-346-2494 or online at www.GoodEarthVillage.org.

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 8th. Please bring them to Little Cedar (anytime up until 4pm on the 8th) and Marshall (no later than church on the 8th). Thanks for considering!

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