



June 2013

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Welcome to our new Pastor, Jeremy Johnson and his family; wife Sandy, son Micah and daughter Liliana.

Jeremy is from the small town (400 people) of Upsala, MN. He graduated from the University of Duluth in 2004. He worked as a Youth Director at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Duluth from 2003 to 2006. After graduation he worked for Ideal Homes of Barnum in Superior, WI for about 5 years living in Superior, WI. In 2009 he decided to go to Seminary and he and his wife, Sandy moved their family to Dubuque, IA. He did his internship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Beloit, WI. He graduated from Wartburg Seminary on May 19th. Jeremy will be ordained on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN.

Jeremy says, "I was raised in a small, close town that made me see the importance of the pastor's role in building community." I have always been a compassionate, understanding, and thoughtful listener. I enjoy visiting with others and hearing their stories. I am able to easily see other's points of view and relate well to most everyone.

"Youth and Family Ministry is one of my biggest passions. As a Youth Director, I was intentional and relational in all of our events and programming. I formed relationships with youth by meeting with them one-on-one and in small groups and by attending school events to show support. I also worked to educate the congregation on how to welcome and involved children and youth in the larger church. I have the ability to maintain the attention and control of large groups of children and to teach the gospel to them in a way that is engaging and fun while being theologically appropriate and not watering down the Gospel. On internship, I put these skills into action by helping out with Confirmation, Sunday School, Wednesday Evening Kid's Club and the planning and leading of Vacation Bible School."

"We are excited to build a church filled with life by hosting family nights, community nights out, intergenerational events, welcoming visitors, and fostering relationships that are loving, caring, and compassionate. We enjoy attending community and school events, and becoming a central part of the community we serve."

Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Sandy, Micah and Liliana

The people of Little Cedar & Marshall would like to say we also are excited for Jeremy and his family to become a part of our churches and our community.

Important Dates

June 2nd

Jeremy's Ordination

June 5th

Pastor Jeremy's 1st Day
Marshall Council

June 19th

Little Cedar Council

June 23rd

Pastor Jeremy's Installation

LC—9:00am

M—10:30am



*By the grace of God and
the call of the church
Jeremy David Johnson
will be ordained
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church
on Sunday, the second day of June
in the year of our Lord
two thousand thirteen
at four o'clock in the afternoon
at Gethsemane Lutheran Church
418 S Main St
Upsala, Minnesota
The Reverend Harold Usgaard
Bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.
Your prayers and presence are requested.
All ordained, consecrated and commissioned
ministers are invited to process.
The color of the day is red .*

This is the day

That the Lord has

Made. We will rejoice

And be glad in it.



Funerals

Marshall: Ruby Underdahl
Little Cedar: Isabelle Shaw

Baptisms:

Marshall: Jay Leutink, Jolene Leutink and Becky Hill
Parents: Duane & Melissa Hill

Prayers:

Those known to have been hospitalized, ill or in need of prayers:
Gerald Meier
Lois Lewison
George Struthers
Mason Howard (grandson of 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

Senior Pastor	Jeremy Johnson	
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Youth Director	Tara Mandt	taramandt@frontiernet.net
Day Care Director	Lynn Johnson	lccdaycare@frontiernet.net

 Cause of the Month for April 2013

Marshall
“Red Cross”
Little Cedar

“Pastor Jeremy & Family”

 Example: pantry items, freezer foods,

 Household items etc....



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

Friends & Fellowship
 Come join us on Tuesday, June 11th
 @ Dexter Methodist Church
 Program “The Young Oldies” @ 11am
 Meal at Noon ~ Cost \$5
 All are welcome!!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed
 VBS is July 29th to August 2nd from 9am to 3pm.
 We are in need of help in the following areas:
 Storytelling (Bible Bazaar)
 Crafts (Creation Zone)
 Games (Global Games)
 Science (Innovation Station)
 Lunch & Snacks (Eatery Expo)
 Music (Choral Corner)
 Please contact Tara if you are available and
 interested in helping out!



JOSEPH

Chanhassen Dinner Theater Trip
 “Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat”
 Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Deadline to sign-up is June 8th

Thrivent is sponsoring this trip for more information please check out the poster on the bulletin board at both churches.

SE Minnesota Synod Assembly

Friday June 7th and Saturday June 8th, at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. Members of Little Cedar & Marshall Congregations along with Pastor Jeremy will be attending the 2 day event. Please keep these people in prayer as they represent our congregations and will be voting for a new Bishop who will replace Bishop Harold Usgaard.



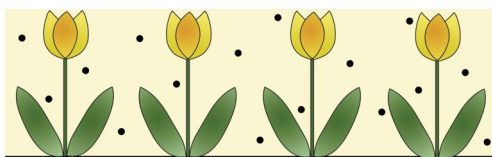
Installation of Pastor Jeremy Johnson



Both Little Cedar and Marshall will be having a special celebration on Sunday, June 23rd in Pastor Jeremy’s honor.

More information will be coming so please keep checking your bulletins or call the office.

Church Bloopers:
 For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



Service Group #3

- Jan & Roger Weness – Co Chairperson (582-3197)
- Jim & Deana Wagner – Co Chairperson (433-4016)
- Vicki Kiefer Family (582-7768)
- Brenda & Chris Landherr (438-1151)
- Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz (433-4831)
- Bill & Joann Klingerman Family (582-3097)
- Julie Grundel (438-8302)
- Brad & Maria Johnson (438-6449)
- Jim & Lynn Johnson Family (437-6875)
- Shirley Thome (582-3215)
- Ed & Carol Koch (433-4874)
- Lynn & Carol Lagerstedt (582-3182)
- Dave Lagerstedt (582-8138)
- Mike & Lisa Lamp (582-7854)
- Don & Norma Larson (582-3610)
- Denny & Amy Underdahl (582-7838)
- June Nelson (582-3239)
- Jim & Connie Sathre Family (582-7751)
- Gordon & Mavis Klaudt (582-3506)
- Gerald Meier (582-3358)
- Sean Gilson (438-0994)

June –

Communion clean up 9th & 23rd

- Coffee Hours None
- Deliver Meals on Wheels 17th thru 28th
- Serve any funerals held
- Pastor Jeremy’s Installation June 23rd

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



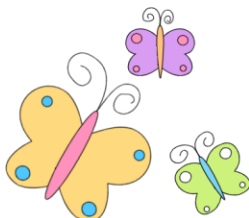
Head Usher for June

Bruce Bergene

584-0908

Scripture Readers

- June 2nd ~ Cathy Roser
- June 9th ~ Tara Mandt
- June 16th ~ Pat Hinz
- June 23rd ~ Shirley Schroeder
- June 30th ~ Gayle Bergstrom





Summer is here! With school being out, I pray that you will all have a fun but safe summer. I hope you have a great time with family and friends. Please feel free to stop in the office to visit me this summer but too meet Pastor Jeremy as well! Tara Mandt, Youth Director

Sonshine 2013 Festival

Pastor Jeremy and Sandy would like to take a group of students to Sonshine 2013 in Willmar from July 17th through the 20th. We are still working out all the details but the cost will be around \$150 (we are watching gas prices!). The cost covers the ticket (you will see over 100 artists and speakers), meals and gas. Stay tuned for more details after Pastor Jeremy arrives but there is a sign-up sheet outside Tara's office. Please sign-up even if you are sort of interested so we can get an idea of what to plan for. There are scholarships available.

What is it? A gathering of over 20,000+ teenagers and families, listening to over 100 of the best Christian rock bands in the world, with 10,000+ tents and RVs set up on football fields and parking lots. There is great music, great food, great fun!

Isn't Sonshine spelled with a u? Sonshine is a place where the focus is on the Son and how He shines in our lives. Amazingly, you can worship and mosh to heavy metal at the same time!

Who will be there? Toby Mac, Skillet, Newsboys, David Crowder, Family Force 5, Bob Lenz and many more!

Educational News

Thank you to all the Little Cedar students and teachers who made our Sunday School program great this year! A big thank you to Kristina and her Children's Choir for all their great performances, especially on May 5th. You did an awesome job!!! Tara Mandt, Education Director



Thank you!!!!



Mark your calendars—Vacation Bible School will be at Little Cedar from July 29th to August 2nd from 9am to 3pm

Everywhere Fun Fair will take us on a celebration that looks and feels like the World's Fair. We will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including our neighborhoods. We will learn all about special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God.

Watch for registration coming soon!



Little Cedar

Michael Lee Fasbender is attending Riverland next year and then going on to another college for Computer Engineering. His favorite high school memory is going to New York. His favorite church memory is going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans twice.

Laura Madeline Meany plans to double major in Agricultural Genetics and Mass Communications to be a large animal vet. Her favorite high school memory is stunting in cheerleading, pep band bus rides and the Disney Music Trip. It was all so much fun! Her favorite church memory is going to the cities with Kelsey & Kelly for Youth Encounter and pushing their beds together... And stealing pillows from the boy's room!

Jana Lyn Schammel is undecided on her college but she plans to go to school for Physical Therapy. Her favorite high school memory is going to all the sporting events, especially homecoming. Her favorite church memory is going to New Orleans and helping with the clean-up process from Hurricane Katrina.

Christopher David Wolff is attending Iowa State University next year but is undecided about a career choice. His favorite high school memory is being involved in football and basketball because he really enjoys sports. His favorite church memory is going to the Youth Gathering in New Orleans. He had never been there before and it was a really good time.

Marshall

Benjamin Theodore Himebaugh plans to join the US Navy. His favorite high school memory is the Scavenger Hunt. He has too many memories from church to name them all...but meeting girls in New Orleans and at the Youth Encounter are right up there at the top!

Angela Marie Schechinger plans to attend Rochester Technical and Community College. She would like to graduate and become a Vet-Tech. Her favorite high school memories are Homecoming, all her fun classes, her awesome friends, FFA, Band and Choir. Her favorite church memories are the Christmas plays, camping in the cemetery, Sunday School and watching McGee and Me.

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 @7:30pm. Present: Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Bill Klingerman, Maynard Lewison, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith, and Pastor Natacha Kemp. Absent: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Tricia Milks and Rod Nordeng. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Pat Hinz.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER: Pat Hinz

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: Pat Hinz noted that in the March minutes it stated, under the Life/Missions report, that the remaining \$48 due on the Seder meal would be shared by Marshall. That was paid by Little Cedar. The lodging and gas money for the Rabbi was shared by Marshall. Under Outstanding Business, in the March minutes, a motion was made that \$195 would be spent on a copyright license, that amount is actually about \$140. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Maynard Lewison to accept the secretary's minutes, for March, as printed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS: Pat reported that:

- A. Receipt was received from GEV for money sent.
- B. SE MN Synod receipt was received for Mission Support
- C. Thank you received from the Gideons for support.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie reported a general fund balance of -\$7630.13. A bill was received for \$4800 for the construction of the cemetery shelter directory. Money to pay for this was approved a year ago by council. A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by Joe Matheis to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building: Maynard Lewison reported that work was being done on the emergency lights and no leak had yet been found in the church roof.
- B. Cemetery: no report
- C. Daycare: Linda Gilles reported that committee had met with Pat Hinz and Jaymie Poshusta to work out a check and balance for the daycare funds. It was decided that the church treasurer would provide the committee with a checkbook printout and the daycare committee would review the account. It was also decided that the daycare committee would consult with the personnel committee before any bonus or gift checks were written to the daycare employees.
- D. Finance: met to make recommendation for the new Pastor's salary. Committee members include: Earl Orvik, Gayle Bergstrom, Lyn Meany, Nancy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Tracy Smith, and Jim Osmundson.
- E. Life/Missions: Becky Hartwig reporting. May Cause of the Month: Camperships. The committee also thought it best to have a monthly Cause of the Month in lieu of doing it quarterly each year, to have adult greeters again, and to plan 2 or 3 social events, one of them being the installation of the new pastor.
- F. Personnel: no report
- G. Youth/Education: no report
- H. Worship/Music: no report

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Natacha reported that her last day will be May 15, 2013. She thanked everyone for their support while she was here. Pat extended a thank you to Natacha for her services to Little Cedar as Interim Pastor.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

- A. One License.net update: the cost for the copyright is reduced because it is based on membership. Videotaping the church services is ready to proceed.
- B. Bike Trail Meeting - May 14, 2013: a motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Bill Klingerman to not charge for the bike trail meeting to be held at Little Cedar on May 14, 2013. Motion carried.

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C. **Volunteer for Synod Assembly (June 7-8) is still needed.** Joe Matheis stated that Jeremy Johnson may want to attend. His ordination is June 2nd. Pat will check to see if any youth would like to attend.

D. **Update** on Chanhassen trip: Pat reported that Thrivent is sponsoring a bus for this trip, that it will be a Wednesday matinee and is for our area, not just Little Cedar and Marshall. More information to come later.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Quilters Building Request:** Nancy Decker has asked to use the large classroom for the quilter's group, for the summer months. They currently use a room at the high school. They would use it once a month on the second Tuesday, from 5:30-8:30 pm. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Joe Matheis to charge the quilter's group \$25 per time met. Motion carried.

B. **Call Process Update:** Pat Hinz reported that May 15th will be Pastor Natacha's last day. A letter is being sent to members reminding them of the special congregational meeting to vote on the calling of Jeremy Johnson for pastor. The paid time off for the pastor was discussed. Paid time off is to include sick days and vacation days.

C. **Council** was directed to read the WELCA report included in their meeting packet.

D. **Devotions** for May: Pastor Natacha.

E. **Administrative Professional's Day:** Pat Hinz will take care of this.

F. **Dates to remember: May 2013 Newsletter deadline: April 21, 2013**

A motion was made by Maynard Lewison, seconded by Mary Schmitz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

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SE MN Synod Disaster Response!!!



A two-mile-wide tornado ripped through Moore, Okla., claiming lives and leaving behind a devastating trail of destruction. Plaza Towers Elementary School stood right in the path of the storm's 166-200 mph winds.

Many Oklahoma residents already were recovering from storms even before the tornado hit — hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed as 28 tornadoes touched down throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Illinois and Iowa. As strong winds and warm fronts continue to move across the nation, the threat for future tornado outbreaks is looming.

Our Response:

Through Lutheran Disaster Response, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is responding in areas affected by these tornadoes.

Your help is needed to bring hope to our sisters and brothers in need. Lutheran Disaster Response affiliates are already on the ground, assessing the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by the tornadoes. Throughout the United States we are working hand-in-hand with ELCA synods and other ministry organizations that are experts at outreach in their communities.

We know it will be a long road to recovery, and your gifts are needed now to begin coordinating volunteers, rebuilding homes and offering spiritual and emotional care to those in need.

What you can do:

Pray:

As the communities work to recover, please keep them and those who work on their behalf in prayer. You can use these prayers and resources in your worship services.

Give:

Your donation to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "U.S. Tornadoes," will be used entirely (100 percent) to help families whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by this disaster. Donations from people like you allow the ELCA to respond to those in need.

Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes April 3, 2013

Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting April 3, 2013. Present: Pastor Natacha Kemp, Darrell Gordon, Brenda Hanson, Gib Seimers, Gary Kulow, Andrew Sprau, Rhonda Hatle, Carie Hanson, Luvern Hanson and Cathy Sprau. Absent: Dale Himebaugh and Jerry Sprau.

Vice Chairman, Darrell Gordon called the meeting to order.

Pastor Natacha opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report was given for the month of March. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offerings for the month of March was \$5,341.45. Cause of the month was \$262.70 for Brevig Mission. Men's Pancake Breakfast offering was \$118.75. Total offerings thus far for 2013 are \$11,736.50. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. Reviewed expenses. A motion by Rhonda Hatle to accept reports. 2nd by Gary Kulow. Motion carried.

March's cause of the month was Brevig Mission. Total giving was \$644.15. Decision to send them \$650.00. A motion by Gary Kulow to have "Neighbor in Need" for the cause of the month for May. 2nd by Andrew Sprau. Motion carried.

Old Business: Gary Kulow reported that he contacted D&E Carpets and Classic Carpets for estimates and samples for the outside steps. Samples will be delivered soon.

Gary Kulow has contacted Amish about possibly using channel steel for the church's roof. They will measure and give estimates when weather permits.

Andrew Sprau shared the different options available for taping and viewing the worship services for our shut-ins. Will continue to discuss this at future meetings.

Darrell Gordon shared that Dale Himebaugh had talked with contractor concerning sealing the road by church. Will obtain estimate and discuss at later date.

New Business: Joint council had met and voted to extend call to pastoral candidate. Finance committee will meet Sunday, April 7, 2013 to discuss and review options for the compensation package. Committee members from Marshall are; Carie Hanson and Luvern Hanson. Rhonda Hatle will also attend. Joint councils will meet April 10, 2013 to review recommendations.

A motion by Brenda Hanson to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Gib Seimers. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

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

Cathy Sprau, Council Secretary



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