



March 2014

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

As a child I loved Lent. Every week we would go to church on Wednesday evening. It would get us out of the house, we would eat yummy soup and bread, I would get to play with my friends, often times involving a snow ball fight, and sometimes we would make trouble. I don't know if I really knew what lent was really about as a child, but I do remember lent was fun and when we spent a lot of time at church as a community.

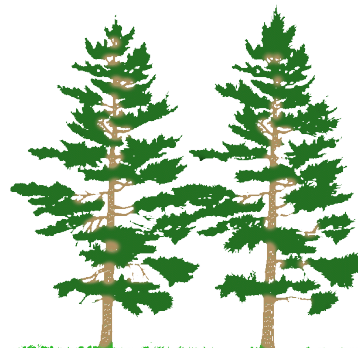
So what is Lent all about. Lent is about simplicity, somberness, and solemnity. Lent is about penitence, prayer, fasting, service to others, and confession of sin rooted in the promise of forgiveness. I always find it such a powerful time, in which we slow down, spend time in reflection, and simplify our lives.

The weekday services during lent can be such a beautifully simple time. Our weekday evening services will be Holden Evening Prayer and will include a series of skits titled "Tales of Trees," which will feature dramas about various trees in the bible. It is a beautiful time as we prepare for Easter during Lent, so please join us for Soup Supper at 6:00, and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00! We even have an opportunity for a book study on "The Five Love Languages" at 5:15! Please join us!

With all of these things that we do, it can be easy to focus our attention on ourselves, but instead this is time to focus our attention our God. It is a time in preparation for the promise of God that comes through the cross of Christ. It is a time to focus not on ourselves, but on God's promises in the here and now, and the promises of God's full glory that is yet to come.

Blessings during your Lenten Journey!

Pastor Jeremy



Important Dates

March 5th

Ash Weds. Service @ LC
Marshall Council

March 9th

Daylight Savings
Time begins
Turn your clocks ahead!!

March 19th

Little Cedar Council Meeting

March 24th

Palm Sunday



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5th @ Little Cedar

Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 12th @ Marshall

Wednesday, March 19th @ Little Cedar

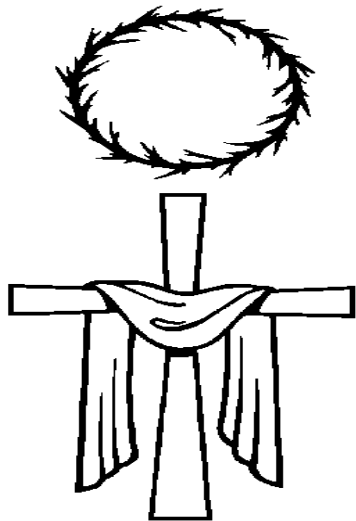
Wednesday, March 26th @ Marshall

Wednesday, April 2nd @ Little Cedar

Wednesday, April 9th @ Marshall

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

Palm Sunday ~ Sunday, March 24th



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

Steve Bamrick ~ Jim Bustad ~ Ed Wolf ~ Alizha Kappers
Sydney Lange ~ Valeta Anderson ~ Gerald Meier
Lois Lewison ~ Arvis Gunderson ~ Val Pitzen
Shirley Schroeder ~ Sharon Osmundson ~ 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: Blakely Clare Meyer daughter of Chans & Holly Meyer

Funerals:

Little Cedar: Wilma Kathryn Weness

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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For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059

Cause of the Month for March 2014

Marshall

“Brevig Mission”

Little Cedar

“Kids Against Hunger”



Quilters meet at Little Cedar

March TBD

Friends & Fellowship

Tuesday, March 11th @ Little Cedar

Program @ 11am

Noon Meal

Cost \$5

All are welcome!

Little Cedar WELCA News

Looking for a new **Prayer Pals Coordinator** and **Stewardship Secretary**. We wish to thank Mary Schmitz and Mary Finbraaten for their many years of service to these positions.

If interested, please contact Millie Weness @ 582-3500.

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.



There is still

Time for
some

Winter fun!!



LENTEN

Study Group

Lenten Study Group Opportunity

Did you know that people communicate affection in different ways? In "The Five Love Languages," Gary Chapman shares insight on the five different ways people communicate love. As Gary says, knowing the love languages allows a person to nurture and maintain not only marriage, but any kind of relationship effectively. Join us during Lent on Wednesday evenings at 5:15! We will alternate between Little Cedar and Marshall in conjunction with the location of supper and Lenten service. So join us for the book discussion, and then stay for the soup and service! Let us know if you need a copy of the book and we will purchase one for you! Cost is \$10 for the book. Also, let us know if you need childcare and we will make arrangements! Together during Lent we will explore The Five Love Languages! If interested, please let Pastor Jeremy know so he can order the materials needed.

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 (440-5605)
- 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 Klautdt (582-3506)
- Gerald Meier (582-3358)
- Sean Gilson (438-0994)

March 19th Lenten Soups

(Along with Group #4 will need 10 large soups total)

March

Communion clean up 2nd & 16th

- Coffee Hours 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
- Deliver Meals on Wheels 24th thru 31st

Serve any funerals held

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



Head Usher for March

Brian Bergene

437-8663



Christ in Our Home

Daily Devotionals for the next quarter are now available at both churches don't forget to pick up your copy!!!



Scripture Readers

March 2nd ~ Kristina Matheis

March 9th ~ Ramsey Gilson & Chris Webber

March 16th ~ June Wolf

March 23rd ~ Joyce Halver

March 30th ~ Marlene Hanson

Youth activities

Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 9th. We are planning to go sledding! Stay tuned for details.

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is March 9th

Ushers: Lucas Mandt & Katlin Webber

Readers: Ramsey Gilson & Chris Webber

Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is March 2nd

Kerry Webber, Leader

Katlin & Chris Webber, Gabrielle Smith

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

February 2—Maddie Wolff

February 16—Kelsie Lamp

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

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Educational News

Little Cedar's Sunday School lesson for March is "Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday"

The Children's Choir will sing on March 9th!



First Communion Classes—Class time will be from 5:15 - 6:15PM either in a classroom at Little Cedar or at Marshall depending on the church service. 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, March 5th @ Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 12th @ Marshall

Wednesday, March 19th @ Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 26th @ Marshall

Wednesday, April 2nd @ Little Cedar

Wednesday, April 9th @ Little Cedar




First Communion is Sunday, April 13, 2014 (Palm Sunday) - 9:00am @ Little Cedar

This year's students are: Chase Johnson, Alizha Kappers, Olivia Matheis, Kiyanna Meyer and Eli Wolff

Confirmation and Worship News

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

Acolytes

March 2—Lydia Wik
 March 9—Cade Sheehan
 March 16—Ashlynn Mandt
 March 23—Malina Luke
 March 30—Alexis Smith

****Confirmation Reminder****

Starting with Ash Wednesday—7th grade will be in charge of helping with the Soup Supper and 8th grade will assist with the Worship Service.

Little Cedar Church Assistants
U=Usher G=Greeter

March 2 - **U:** Dakota Johnson **G:** Maya Luke
Communion Family: Jacob Stephens

March 9 - **U:** Jacob Stephens **G:** Kylie Poshusta

March 16 - **U:** Cody Crumb **G:** Cole Medgaarden
Communion Family: Maya Luke

March 23 - **U:** Rachel Meany **G:** Jacob Stephens

March 30 - **U:** Maya Luke **G:** Dakota Johnson
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Marshall Church Assistants

March 2 - Nick Mensink
 March 9 - Asa Smith
March 16 - Kendra Emanuel
 March 23 - Erin Hanson
 March 30 - Nick Mensink

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.

Feb 5th, 2014

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

First order of business was to elect a new Chairman. Darrel nominated Dale Himebaugh to remain in the position of Chairman, Craig seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all members.

The meeting was called to order by Dale and Pastor Jeremy led us in devotions. The Secretary's report from January was read. Carie gave the Financial Secretary's report and Treasurer's report in Luvern's absence. Total offering for the month of January was \$4,430.75, Cause of the Month offering was \$95.75 for Neighbor in Need. Expenses were reviewed and Darrel made a motion that the reports be accepted as read with Gus seconding the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Gary Kulow received an estimate from Culpitt Roofing to put steel on the church roof. The roof quotes were \$46,835 for 24 gauge steel or \$44,605 for 26 gauge steel. The steeple quote was \$18,125 for 26 gauge steel.

NEW BUSINESS: Letter from Tara asking if Marshall would pay for the "God In Church" awards given to the Marshall boy scouts. Rhonda made a motion we pay the \$66.75 and Craig seconded the motion, it was approved. Also discussed the need for a better video camera for the church. Rhonda offered to bring her new one in so we can try it and see how it works. Volume is an issue on the existing one.

Pastor Jeremy gave his report. He mentioned having the youth pack food again in Austin and the need to raise funds for this. He is looking for volunteers to go to the Synod meeting May 2nd and 3rd. Thelma Himebaugh and Linda Ludwig will go.

Gus made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Darrell seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Karina Mensink, Council Secretary

**March**

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 @7:30 pm. Members present: Karen Anderson, Becky Hartwig, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Lani Wolff, Nancy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Members absent: Gordy Briggs, Pat Hinz, John Jax, Rod Nordeng, and Cathy Roser. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Tracy Smith.

DEVOTIONS: Becky Hartwig

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

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS: none

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie Poshusta reported a General Fund balance of \$6525.28 and reviewed the report. A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by Lani Wolff to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building: Joe Matheis reported of snow on the roof, some of which he removed. Will need to watch this when the thaw begins.
- B. Cemetery: no report
- C. Daycare: Linda Gilles reported that rate increases for the fall contracts, for daycare families, were discussed. New committee member Sandy Johnson and Daycare Director Lynn Johnson will work together to bring some ideas for this, to the next committee meeting.
- D. Finance: no report
- E. Life & Missions: no report
- F. Personnel: no report
- G. Youth & Education: Tricia Milks discussed the four young men from Little Cedar, who recently completed the God and Church award and were presented with their medals and certificates on Scout Sunday, February 2, 2014. These four young men are: Chase Gilson, Lucas Mandt, Phillip Milks and Colton Mandt. The cost of materials for each of the four scouts came to \$22.25., with a total of \$89. Tara Mandt paid for these materials and asked Council if they would be willing to reimburse her for the total cost of \$89. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Tricia Milks to reimburse Tara Mandt the \$89 for materials for the four scouts from Little Cedar, money to come from the Memorial Funds. Motion carried.

Worship & Music: no report

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy reported that there are two opportunities for council members to attend. 1.) Councils as Leaders in the Church: Sharing Food, Discovering Grace, to be held March 9, 2014, 2:00-4:00 at Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN. 2.) March 2-4 @ Wartburg Seminary: a seminar on rural ministry and small town issues. Pastor also reported that the ELCA is trying to raise monies for several causes, such as Lutheran World relief, stamping out malaria, to name a couple. Pastor will put together an insert for the bulletin that tells of these causes for which the ELCA will push for monetary support.



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OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

- A. Synod Assembly, May 2-3, 2014: Tara Mandt volunteered at the Annual Meeting to attend this. Need one more volunteer. Let pastor know if you are interested in attending.
- B. Organize Committees: members signed up for a committee.
- C. Youth Balance Statement: submitted by Tara Mandt and reviewed by council.

Karen Anderson reported that her grandson's boss would be willing to come to the church, check out the roof and give a repair cost estimate, free of charge. Karen also reported of concerns from residents at the AHCC, that they are having trouble understanding the service recordings. Tracy Smith will do some checking on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Good Earth Village Giving: A motion was made by Joe Matheis, seconded by Becky Hartwig to give Good Earth Village \$1000.00, money to come from the Lutefisk Fund. Motion carried.
- B. March Cause of the Month: Lutheran Social Services Teen Homeless Shelter Fund.
- C. Devotions for March: Pastor Jeremy Johnson.

Payroll Scale/Checks and Balances: A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Joe Matheis to produce a standardized spreadsheet that will show all employee wages/salaries/compensation packages, to be approved by Council, signed by the Council Chair or Vice Chair, with the date of approval and to be done before the first of each year. For the year 2014, to be done at the March meeting. Motion carried.

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

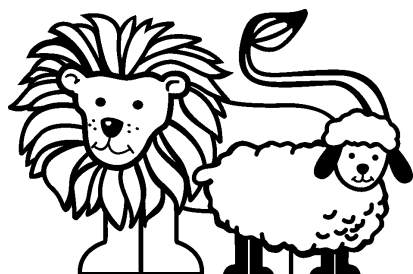
The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

Submitted pending approval in March



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