



# May 2013

## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NATACHA~

Dear Little Cedar and Marshall Families,

Where do I even begin as I reflect on these past 6 months? We have seen so much together; done so much together; grown so much together. I suppose I could go back to the day when Pastor Susan first called and asked if I was available for pulpit supply. I had not heard of Adams, Minnesota before and I wasn't sure what to expect. After 3 pulpit supply visits, the day arrived when I was asked by Larry Iverson to become your interim pastor. Of course, I was hesitant. Me, a city girl, pastor a 2-point parish in a rural community? Are you joking?! God, with a big smile said, "Nope! I'm not joking Natacha. You are going!" Little did I realize how all of you would play such a major role in my life. God had something life changing in store for me here in Adams and never could I have planned it, even if I tried.

As I visualize all of your faces, so many memories come rushing to mind. I think of the staff meetings where girl talk filled the air...until a gentleman came into the office. Then we resumed girl talk after he left. Council meetings were always upbeat and mission oriented. How cool is that! Teaching religion Tuesday mornings was a hoot! The students were honest, funny, and delightful to be with as we dived into God's Word. Confirmation was definitely a joy as we played weird and wacky games, talked about hard issues, and gave Tara a hard time. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to introduce to you a Seder Meal and Holy Humor Sunday. So many people gave their time and talents to make sure these two celebrations were a success! I enjoyed attending Friends and Fellowship and participating in all the cool activities such as listening to country bands, learning about our brothers and sisters in other countries around the world, and eating that delicious food.

Thank you for welcoming me into your homes; for giving me a glimpse into the life of farming; for your acceptance and trust; for trusting me with your children and youth; for allowing me to preside at the funerals and bedsides of your loved ones; for the second chances after countless mistakes along the way; and for sharing your trials and triumphs.

Thank you for teaching me what it means to allow God to direct our footsteps and stretch us beyond our comfort zones. There are many great examples of that in this community. You have shaped my life.

I am excited as you transition into a new chapter in the lives of your congregations. May you be blessed! May you experience all that God has in store in the vision and mission of Little Cedar and Marshall. And always remember how important you are, not only to God, but to each other.

Shalom and Joy,

Pastor Natacha Kemp

**Important Dates**

**May 1st**  
Marshall Council

**May 12th**  
Potluck @ M

**May 15th**  
Pastor Natacha's Last Day  
Little Cedar Council

**May 19th**  
Senior Sunday @ LC  
Baccalaureate @ LC

**\*\*\*\*\*Farwell to Pastor Natacha \*\*\*\*\***

**Sunday, May 12th is Pastor Natacha's  
last Sunday with us.**

**In her honor**

**Little Cedar will be hosting a Coffee Hour  
Sunday, May 12th at 8:15am**

**Marshall will be having a Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, May 12th  
following the worship service.**



**Baptism's at Little Cedar:**

Lane Michael Hanson son of Shane & Lindsey (Mees) Hanson  
Madilyn Ruth Powell daughter of Brandon & Sarah (Stephenson) Powell

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

Randy Stephenson  
George Struthers  
Mason Howard (grandson of Arlene Howard)  
Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)  
Julene Monteleone (granddaughter of June Wolf)

Lois Lewison  
Cole Soost

**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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 Cause of the Month for April 2013  
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**Marshall**  
 "Neighbor In Need"  
**Little Cedar**  
 "Camperships"  
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Quilters meet at Little Cedar  
 on Monday, May 6th @ 1pm

**Thank you:**

To Nordeen Snortum (member at Marshall and also a member of the Gideon's)

Thanks Nordeen for coming to Pastor Natacha's Senior High and Kathy's Junior High Religion classes and speaking to the children about the work of the Gideons and sharing your message with us.



Nordeen also handed out small New Testaments to each of the 50+ students. What a great way to spread the Good News to the children. God's Blessings to all of the Gideons and the wonderful ministry they do.

Pastor Natacha and Kathy

**Happy 96th Birthday**  
**Bernice Osterholt**  
 May 20th, 2013

Bernice recently moved out of the Adams area.  
 Let's shower Bernice with cards on her Special Day  
 to let her know we are thinking of her.

Please send cards to:  
 Bernice Osterholt  
 Carefree Living Unit #111  
 1225 East Division Street  
 St. Cloud, MN 56304

**NOISY OFFERING**  
 Thank you to all who gave to the Noisy Offering on Sunday, April 14th.  
 The Southland Foodshelf received over \$200 total from both churches.



**Congregational Vote Results**

The congregations of Little Cedar & Marshall voted for the Pastoral Candidate Jeremy Johnson, recommended by the Call Committee was held on Sunday, April 28th with 100% of the votes being yes.

**Friends & Fellowship**  
 Come join us on Tuesday, May 14th  
 @ St. John's of Elkton  
 Program Al Batt @ 11am  
 Meal at Noon ~ Cost \$5

**Service Group #6**

Gretchen Thome – Co Chairperson (582-3017)

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 & Shirleen Tipton (582-3417)

Larry & Ann Tompkins (582-7743)

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

Wilma Weness (582-3517)

**May**

- Communion Clean-up 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
- Deliver Meals on Wheels  
1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- Coffee Hours 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
LYO has coffee hour on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
Extra on Graduation Sunday ~ May 19<sup>th</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 May**  
**John Jax**  
**582-7797**

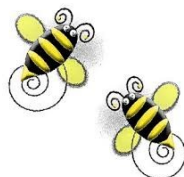
**Scripture Readers**

May 5th — Bryce Nelson

May 12th — Max Klingerman & Katlin Webber

May 19th — Seniors

May 26th — Jim Osmundson



**Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour**  
 May 5th

Thank you to the Education Committee for helping us out!



|| Little Cedar Communion Helpers ||

|| May 5—Kelsie Lamp ||

|| May 19—Olivia Gray ||

**Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is May 12th**

Readers: Max Klingerman & Katlin Webber

Ushers: Kelsie Lamp & Paxton Gray



## Educational News

**Little Cedar Sunday School**

Hard to believe we are wrapping up another year. We will celebrate our last day of Sunday School on May 5th during the worship service. I hope you can join us for cake in the Fellowship Hall after church.

The Sunday School Children's Choir will be performing a mini concert during worship on May 5th for Appreciation Sunday. They will have a practice on Saturday, May 4th from 1:30 to 3pm. This is for all ages—3 year olds through 8th Grade.



The last day of Sunday School at Marshall will be on Sunday, May 12th. Students will sing and receive their pins during the church service. We will also recognize those children who will begin Sunday school this coming fall.

Also, we will recognize our Seniors and confirmation student. Following the church service will be the balloon release and the Fellowship Dinner.



Congratulations to Kelsey Mensink who will be receiving her First Communion on Sunday, May 5th at Marshall. Parents are Len & Karina Mensink.

**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!

# Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors of 2013

## Little Cedar

### Michael Lee Fasbender

Parents: Al & Deb

### Laura Madeline Meany

Parents: Mark & Lyn

### Jana Lyn Schammel

Parents: Patti Hamilton

and Randy & Ariyanna Schammel

### Christopher David Wolff

Parents: Brian & Lani



## Marshall

### Benjamin Theodore Himebaugh

Parents: Forrest & Kathi

### Angela Marie Schechinger

Parents: George & Sue

Senior Sunday will be at Marshall on May 12th  
and Little Cedar on May 19th.

Baccalaureate will be at Little Cedar this year on  
May 19th at 4pm.

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 @8pm, following the Lenten service. Present: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Pat Hinz, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Tricia Milks, Rod Nordeng, Mary Schmitz, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith and Pastor Natacha Kemp. Absent: Becky Hartwig, Bill Klingerman, Maynard Lewison, and Tracy Smith. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Pat Hinz.

**DEVOTIONS/PRAYER:** Rod Nordeng

**APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES:** A motion by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Mary Schmitz to approve the secretary's minutes, for February, as printed. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:** Pat Hinz reported the following:

- A. A conference on bullying will be held on April 14, 2013, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson. If anyone is interested in going they can check the information on the bulletin board.
- B. Letter was received on insurance comparisons. The letter will be kept on file.
- C. Luther Seminary event, May 9, 2013 with a dinner/reception. Pat read a thank you note Dave and Millie Weness received from a student who was recipient of scholarship money from Little Cedar.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jaymie reported a general fund balance of -\$9,644.97 and daycare balance of \$8219. Discussion followed. A motion by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Rod Nordeng to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Building: Pat Hinz reported on the leak in the church roof. She spoke to Bill Klingerman about it. The building committee will be looking into this.
- B. Cemetery: no report
- C. Daycare: Linda Gilles and Karen Anderson reported that the committee selected 4 Southland seniors, one to be selected by the high school scholarship committee to receive the Daycare Scholarship this May. Also, the doors have been replaced on the counter/cupboard in the daycare room.

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D. Finance: no report

E. Life/Missions: Mary Schmitz reporting. The Seder meal brought in a free will offering of \$237. This will be used to help pay for the food and supplies (\$285). The remaining \$48, the \$50 for lodging at the Rose Pedaler, and \$75 gas money will be shared by Marshall. A motion by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Karen Anderson to approve paying gas money for the Rabbi who presented the Seder service. Motion carried.

F. Personnel: Gordy Briggs reported that they met with Pastor Natacha for the Pastor review.

G. Youth/Education: Tricia Milks reported there will be VBS this summer and discussion was held in their committee to find ways to get the Jr. High students more involved, and a survey for parents is being sent out about programs and getting kids more involved.

H. Worship/Music: Pat Hinz reported that the Good Friday service will be a presentation of the Stations of the Cross, will use the service Listen God is Calling for April and May, and WOV service of Word and Prayer for the summer months.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Natacha thanked all who were involved in helping with the Seder Meal, thought it went well. She also reported that she will be taking vacation time either at the end of April or in May. She will line up pulpit supply for the time she is gone.

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:**

A. Copyright Reprints-One License.net: Pat Hinz reported on copyrights for videoing services. Discussion followed. A motion by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Pastor Natacha, to spend \$195 for the copyright license, for one year, to video the church services for AHCC members and shut ins. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Use of Fellowship Hall: 1.) Basketball Awards, March 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Tricia Milks to approve the use of Fellowship Hall for the Basketball Awards program, for a \$50 usage fee. Motion carried. 2.) Bike Trail meeting, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tabled until next meeting.

B. FYI Summer Street project: Pat Hinz reported that the south street past the church will be redone, the first 2 weeks in June. The estimated cost to the church is approximately \$2915, for the water lines and an additional \$900 if the sewer lines are changed. This can be paid over a 5 year period with 4% interest.

C. Volunteer for Synod Assembly – June 7-8, 2013: Pat asked council members to let her know if they can attend, if no one can, it will be opened up to the congregation for a volunteer.

D. Report of Seder Meal – see Life & Missions under committees.

E. Chanhassen Trip: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat will be playing at the Chanhassen April-August. Thrivent offers special discounts for this. Will work on getting a trip lined up to attend this.

F. Cause of the Month for April 2013: A motion by Karen Anderson, seconded by Lyn Meany to make Kids Against Hunger the April Cause of the Month. Motion carried.

G. Devotions for April – Karen Anderson

H. Dates to remember - April newsletter deadline: March 21, 2013.

A motion made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Rod Nordeng to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

LINDA GILLES, Council Secretary



## 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 Natache 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Joints councils will meet April 10, 2013 to review recommendations.

A motion by Brenda Hanson to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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







## My Plans for the Future

Posted on February 26, 2013 by synod

By Rev. Harold Usgaard

Synod Bishop

So about those future plans...

I have appreciated the insights and suggestions that many of you have shared with me as I approach the end of my call as bishop. I have also shared conversation with the staff concerning this approaching transition. Together we have done reading that reminds us that endings are opportunities for beginnings as well.

I am anticipating such a new beginning. Lynette and I have spent a lot of intentional time discussing what the future might hold. I don't feel ready to retire. I am still healthy, and am reminded that I might still have 1/3 of my life remaining. I love being part of this church, and feel I still have gifts to offer. I spent 28 years in parish ministry. Now I conclude 12 years in the office of bishop. I have enjoyed viewing the church from different perspectives. Such opportunities excite me.

For that reason, I have accepted a call to serve the church in still a different position. I will join the leadership team of Portico Benefit Services beginning October 1, 2013, as Assistant to the President for Church Relations. I will work out of the Portico office in Minneapolis. A major part of my responsibilities will be building and strengthening relationships with the ELCA, as well as bringing the perspective of the church to Portico. It will include an ongoing relationship with the Conference of Bishops. The coming years also promise to be a time of challenge because of the changes forecast in [health care](#). I will have the opportunity to meet with leaders and organizations throughout the church as we seek to interpret these changes, and provide for the well-being of those who serve.

Until then, there remains important ministry to be done right here in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. That continues to excite me as well.

By Rev. Harold Usgaard  
Synod Bishop

Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches

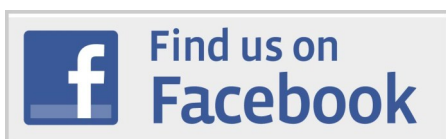
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