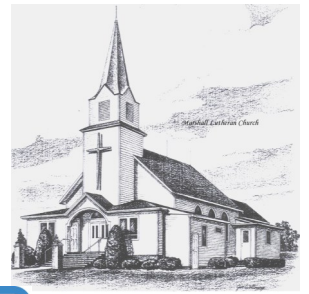




# March 2015



## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches,

Our reading on Ash Wednesday was from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. It spoke of three faith practices; praying, almsgiving, and fasting. We are instructed to NOT do these faith practices in public to receive recognition, but instead in secret so that we may be rewarded by God. Traditionally these are some of the faith practices that we focus on in Lent.

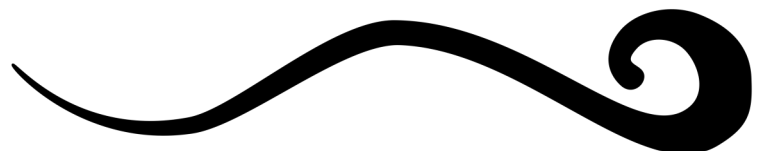
However, as I've thought about these faith practices and this reading, so much of it seems so distant and foreign to me. Perhaps it is this idea that I would even think of sitting out on main street praying. Of course I'd never do that. Perhaps it is this word almsgiving. It is not a word I would use in my everyday life. Perhaps it has to do with fasting. It is not a practice that has been in my Lutheran tradition.

Whatever the case, I have found it difficult to connect with this reading. Perhaps you have felt the same way as well. So instead, with this reading in mind, I've put thought to what would make for a meaningful Lent. For me! I thought about my prayer practices. What would help me to deepen my prayer life? I've thought about what can sometimes become such a fast-paced, busy life. What can I do to slow down, and spend some time in God's presence?

So how about you? What in your faith life might be helpful to you? What in your life would help you to grow closer to God? What could bring some peace and solace in life? What would help you prepare for the Good News on Easter morning? In what ways does your faith affect and connect with your everyday life?

Blessings during your Lenten Journey!

**Pastor Jeremy**



**Important Dates**

**March 4th**  
Marshall Council

**March 8th**  
Senior LYO

**March 15th**  
Pancake Breakfast @ Marshall

**March 18th**  
Little Cedar Council

**March 29th**  
1st Communion Sunday



**Lenten Wednesday Services Schedule**

**Soup Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm**

**March 4th ~ Little Cedar**

**March 11th ~ Marshall**

**March 18th ~ Little Cedar**

**March 25th ~ Marshall**

**Easter Worship Schedule April 5th:**

**Sunrise Service 6:30am @ Little Cedar**

**Followed by Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Easter Worship Service 9:00am @ Little Cedar**

**Easter Worship Service 10:30am @ Marshall**



**Palm Sunday**

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

Amy Sprau ~ Elizabeth Jax ~ Robert Hanson (A)  
Maureen Underdahl ~ Judith Hanson  
Craig Hanson ~ Debra Wolf ~ Debbie Retterath ~ Janet Stotts  
Raeann Kane



**Baptisms:**  
Marshall ~ Arden Ann Kellogg ~ Parents Edward & Amanda Kellogg

**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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**Quilters meet at Little Cedar**  
**Monday, March 2nd**  
**@ 1:00pm**


**Cause of the Month @ Marshall**  
  
**March 2015**  
**“Brevig Mission”**



**Back by popular demand!** Several people have requested that Pastor Jeremy gives his presentations on the Holy Lands and World religions. So during Lent he will hold an adult education on Wednesday evenings. Plan to join him on

March 4th, and March 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 at Little Cedar. You are then invited to stick around for the soup supper and worship. We'll begin with the holy lands the first night and then make our way into the world religions there!

**Cause of the Month @ Little Cedar**  
**March 2015**  
**“Real Hope for the Hungry”**  
**(aka Kids Against Hunger)**



We would like to challenge the congregation  
 With every dollar that is given will be matched  
 up to \$1000 from the Lutefisk Missions Fund!!

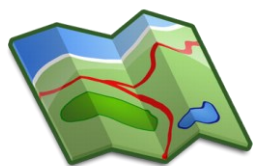
***Friends & Fellowship***  
  
 Tuesday, March 10th  
 @ Little Cedar  
 Program @ 11:00am  
 Lunch @ Noon  
 Cost \$5  
 All are welcome!!!

**Zumbro River Conference**  
**Women Spring Event**  
 Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayfield. Deadline to sign up is April 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$12. For more information and if you are interested please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office at Little Cedar.



**Women's Fellowship**

### Miles to Detroit!



We need your help getting our bus from Adams to Detroit and back again! Coming soon there will be a display in the Narthex at Little Cedar and Marshall, it will show the progress

of the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit this July. You are invited to sponsor them by filling out a certificate and purchasing miles. For every \$10 donated, we will move the bus another mile closer to Detroit and back again. There are 1,316 miles to be driven! If you donate 2 or more miles, you will receive an invitation to a dinner upon our return as well as a postcard from Detroit!

### Cleaning Day at Marshall

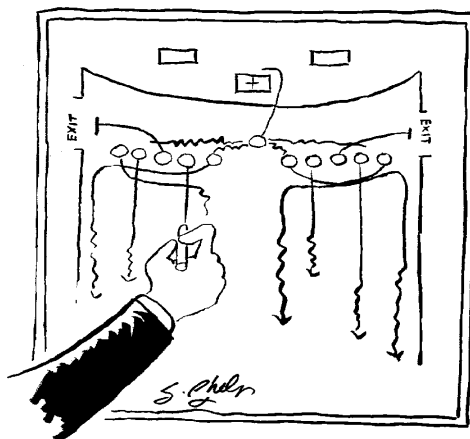
Cleaning Crew Needed



We will be cleaning, decluttering, and organizing inside the church on **Saturday, March 21st at 10am.** People can bring cleaning supplies if they want for just come ready to dig in and get some work done.

### Daycare News!!!

This month we celebrated Valentine's Day by making mailman hats and delivering Valentine cards to our class. We had two special guests attend the party, Kathy and Pastor Jeremy! I think we all are looking forward to Spring!!



Taking a cue from John Madden, Mel diagrams the morning offering for the ushers.



### *Candlelight Dinner*

Little Cedar/ Marshall Lutheran Churches LYO National Gathering Detroit Trip Fundraiser. Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Little Cedar. Cost \$20 per person. Please join us for a fine dining experience.

Tickets can be purchased the next 2 Sundays, March 1<sup>st</sup> March 8<sup>th</sup> Before and after worship at both Little Cedar and Marshall.

**Service Group #4**

- Curt & Kay Lewison (582-3208) Co-Chairperson
- Kristina & Joe Matheis (208-390-5074) Co-Chairperson
- Gladys & Don Morgan (437-3968)
- June Wolf (582-3200)
- Bev Vangsness (582-3194)
- Maynard Lewison (582-3324)
- John & Tammy Loecher Family (582-3272)
- Tara Mandt Family (582-3627)
- Gerald & Carol Matheis (582-3469)
- Patricia & Ron Milks (582-3037)
- Larry & Ethel Nerison (582-3397)
- Dave & Millie Weness (582-3500)
- Nancy Decker (582-3602)
- David & Charlotte Anderson (582-3650)
- Kent & Linda Anderson Family (582-3100)
- Lyn Meany Family (433-0075)
- Heather Felten (440-9590)
- Mary Luke (437-6329)
- Scott & Tammy McMasters (437-8973)
- Chans & Holly Meyers (438-1376)
- Marcia Mullenbach (582-7758)
- Laura Retterath (438-3394)
- Bryan & Terri Klaehn (582-3170)
- Rod Nordeng (437-4778)



**March 4th Lenten Soups**

(along with group #3 – will need 10 large soups total and 6 loaves of bread)

**March**

Communion Clean-up

1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Hours

8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

(LYO Does March 1st)

Deliver Meals on Wheels

23<sup>rd</sup> – 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 March**

Brian Bergene

507-437-8663



**March Readers**

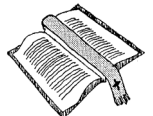
1st~Carol Matheis

8th~Carma Sheehan @ Brandon Bergene

15th~Kristina Matheis

22nd~Shirley Schroeder

29th~Gayle Bergstrom



# YOUTH activities



**ELCA National Youth Gathering is in Detroit from July 13th through July 19th, 2015.**

**Mark Your Calendars:** Your help will be needed with **Maundy Thursday (April 2)**, **Good Friday (April 3)** and **Easter Sunday (April 5)**.

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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 8th. We will plan to go sledding if the weather is right!

Detroit Fundraisers: Please stay tuned for more information on the Miles to Detroit Fundraiser, the Candle Light Dinner and the Dinner and Silent Auction.

**R.O.C.** (Junior High Students) - Our next meeting is March 15th. We will go sledding. Stay tuned for details.

**Schwans-Cares Fundraiser:** We still receive 5% on Schwan's orders. Please contact Tara if you are interested in more information.

## Educational News

Mark Your Calendars 4th Graders! It is your year for **1st Communion!** Class time will be from 5:00 to 6:00pm either in a classroom at Little Cedar or at Marshall depending on the church service. After class, we ask the students join with their families for the soup supper and to attend the 7pm Lenten worship service. This year's students are: Gregory Crumb, Khlover Schulz, Trent Canterbury and Chloe Whipple.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 4th at Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 11th at Marshall

Wednesday, March 18th Little Cedar

Wednesday, March 25th at Little Cedar (Church is at Marshall but this is easier for making the bread)

First Communion is Sunday, March 29, 2015 (Palm Sunday) 9:00am Little Cedar and 10:30am Marshall



**\*\*IT IS UNDECIDED IF WE WILL NEED TO MAKE UP FOR MISSING CLASS ON FEBRUARY 25TH**

### Little Cedar Sunday School News

Our lesson for March is Banquet with Simon found in Luke 7:36-50 and Ruth found in Ruth 1:1-22;2:1-17

The Children's Choir will sing on March 29th for Palm Sunday.

Be sure to check out the new Kids Korner in the Narthex at Little Cedar. If you have any suggestions of items to put in the kids bags, please let Tara know.

# Confirmation News & Worship News

## Marshall Church Assistants

**March 1 - Isaac Himebaugh**

March 8 - Haley Whipple

**March 15 - Kendra Emanuel**

March 22 - Erin Hanson

**March 29 - Kendra Emanuel**

## Confirmation Meals

NO MEALS IN MARCH FOR LENT

## Little Cedar Acolyte & Worship Assistant Schedule:

March 1 - Alizha Kappers

March 8 - Eli Wolff

March 15 - Kiyanna Meyer

March 22 - Avery Medgaarden

March 29 - Lydia Wik

## Little Cedar Church Assistants

**U=Usher G=Greeter**

March 1 - **U:** Ashlynn Mandt **G:** Noah Milks

**Communion Family:** Cole Medgaarden

March 8 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Carter Johnson

March 15 - **U:** Lexi Smith **G:** Noah Lamp

**Communion Family:** Hannah McMasters

March 22 - **U:** Dawson Gilson **G:** Malina Luke

March 29 - **U:** Cole Medgaarden **G:** Cade Sheehan

**Communion Family:**

## Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is

**March 8th**

Ushers: Alyssa Anderson & Phillip Milks

Readers: Carma Sheehan & Brandon Bergene

## Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is March 1st

Mike & Lisa Lamp, Leader

Kelsie, Jacob Anderson & Dakota Johnson

## Little Cedar Communion Helpers

March 1—Ramsey Gilson

March 15—Colton Mandt

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



## Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 4th, 2015

The Marshall Church Council met for its regular meeting on Feb 4th, 2015. Present were Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Gary Kulow, Carie Hanson, Craig Hanson, Rhonda Hatle, Julie Hanson, Sarah McKay, Larry Underdahl, Gus Johnson, and Karina Mensink. Absent were: Luvern Hanson and Jerry Sprau.

The meeting began by electing Gary Kulow as our new Chairman and Larry Underdahl as the Vice Chairman. Rhonda made the nomination, Gus seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

Pastor Jeremy lead us in devotions.

The Secretary's report from January was read. Julie gave the Financial Secretary's report with the total offering for the month of Jan being \$3110. Cause of the Month offering was \$247. Carie gave the Treasurer's report for Luvern and reported that \$9650 were deposited to the building fund in Jan. Rhonda made a motion that the reports be accepted as read and Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A donation has been sent to the Brevig Mission. The Building Fund is looking good and Karina will follow up with Brandt to make sure they got our signed agreement. No new information on the sign for the cemetery.

**NEW BUSINESS:** At the Annual Meeting we were asked to check into investing options other than the current CD's that are being used. We will call Kathy Wichman once Jerry Sprau returns to see what she suggests. The council agreed to pay for Focus on the Family inserts for the bulletins for another year. The Sunday School will be doing a pancake breakfast on March 15<sup>th</sup> to help with Amy Sprau's medical bills. On March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am we will hold a work/cleaning day in the church. We will want to make sure the dumpster is empty that day. Gary is going to check and see if we can contract our LP for the next year now.

Craig made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded.

The motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Karina Mensink, Secretary





## Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Karen Anderson, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Jan Weness, Millie Weness and Lani Wolff. Absent: Nancy Smith and Shari Wagner. The meeting was called to order by president, Tracy Smith. Devotions were given by Jan Weness.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bryce Nelsen, seconded by Mary Schmitz that the minutes be approved with the correction of the absence of Cathy Roser from the January meeting. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** A thank you from Good Earth Village for the \$1000 donation was read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Millie Weness reported that Alliant Energy sent a rebate check to Little Cedar in the amount of \$5,000 for the insulation and repair of the fellowship hall roof. The money will be put in the capital improvement fund.

Motion by Cathy Roser, seconded by Nancy Thalberg to donate \$1000, taken from the lutefisk fund, to Lutheran Social Services. Motion passed.

Motion by Jim Johnson, seconded by Joe Matheis that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

Education and Youth: Tricia Milks read Tara Mandt's report on Sunday school and youth activities.

Personnel: Lani Wolff reported that the personnel committee met with all employees and did staff reviews.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Johnson reported that the Zumbro River Pastor's Conference meeting will be held at Little Cedar on March 24.

**Outstanding Business:** A printed copy of the proposed Sexual Misconduct Policy was given to each council member to review before the next meeting.

**New Business:** Joe Matheis will speak to a professional about updating and repairing thermostats in the building. He will report results at the next meeting.

Motion by Karen Anderson, seconded by Tricia Milks that Real Hope for the Hungry is the Cause of the Month for both March and April and that Little Cedar will match up to \$1000 in donations from the Lutefisk fund.

Motion carried.

Nancy Thalberg volunteered to give devotions at the March meeting.

Motion by Tricia Milks, seconded by Karen Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.



Respectfully Submitted for Approval by,  
Jan Weness, Secretary



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## ACCOMPANIMENT: A THEOLOGY OF MISSION

By Kathy Bolin

*Director for Global Mission/Companion Synods of  
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The attitude with which we approach other people and cultures matters greatly. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we uphold an approach called accompaniment.

Accompaniment is a scriptural and practical way of understanding mission that has been articulated in the past few decades in dialogue between churches in the “global North” (those who historically sent missionaries) and churches in the “global South” (those who historically received missionaries). Today, there are more Christians in the “global South” than in the “global North.” It is a different world than that of the earliest missionaries, and our understanding of and living out of mission must respond.

The accompaniment model was presented to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) by Latin American churches as a model for being companions with one another. The foundational scripture for this model is Luke 24:13–35, the Road to Emmaus passage. This story of Jesus reminds us that mission is a journey and that Christ is already present in encounters and visits wherever we go. Our companions may be individuals in our own community or our partners in Colombia, Tanzania, South Sudan or other countries around the world.

Luke’s Road to Emmaus passage illuminates to us how to accompany one other in our journeys. Accompaniment helps us to see mission differently. It brings your story and my story together to a place where we are

both reconciled within God’s story. One definition of accompaniment is: **Walking together in solidarity in a way that practices interdependence and mutuality.** Accompaniment promotes:

- **MUTUALITY:** We work to recognize that all of us have gifts to offer to God’s mission. Mutuality is built upon giving and receiving trust as we grow together.
- **INCLUSIVITY:** Our cultures filter and influence how we see the world and each other. Inclusivity requires self-reflection and honesty about ourselves and our own communities and relationships.
- **VULNERABILITY:** Jesus shows us that vulnerability (openness to relationship, giving up power) is God’s way of redemption. It takes courage to be vulnerable.

### THE FIVE PILLARS OF ACCOMPANIMENT:

1. MUTUALITY
2. INCLUSIVITY
3. VULNERABILITY
4. EMPOWERMENT
5. SUSTAINABILITY

- **EMPOWERMENT:** When we can name and acknowledge that relationships have differences of power, and we strive to bring balance to those partnerships, we are working to empower one another. Learning to let go of power – to become vulnerable – is an act of empowerment.

• **SUSTAINABILITY:** The accompaniment value of sustainability requires that any given relationship will require an intentional commitment of attention and time to build up all those who are involved. The key to sustainability is listening, hearing and sharing.

As a synod, we are committed to encouraging this way of approaching interpersonal and intercultural relationships. Thank you for your partnership in expanding awareness about this important topic.

*For more on accompaniment and our connections with Colombia, Tanzania, and other global ministry programs, please contact Kathy Bolin at [bolin@semnsynod.org](mailto:bolin@semnsynod.org).*



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