



# August 2015



## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Acts 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches!!

During the National Youth Gathering, the joke in the Detroit newspaper was that downtown Detroit looked like a bag of skittles exploded. And it was true, all the bright colored matching t-shirts of groups made for a sea of different colors. It was such a sight to see, and the people of Detroit seemed to enjoy it as well; the fun and joy it brought to downtown.

One of neatest things about the ELCA National Youth Gathering is simply seeing the 30,000 other Lutherans gathered together. It leaves a person with a sense of awe for God and the breadth and depth of the body of Christ. There were people from all parts of the United States; even from all parts of the world. There were people from many different backgrounds and heritages, accents, dialects, and even languages. There were people of many different ethnicities, from white to black and everywhere in between. There were people with many different talents. Many brought the gift of song and dance, and some of us brought our best 2-step shuffle (that would be myself J).

One of our readings during the gathering was the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost from Acts 2. It is a picture of God's people coming together as well from many different places. God's people are a beautiful group. Each of us made unique; with our own gifts, passions, quirks, and backgrounds. We each have something unique to bring to the community. With our uniqueness, we each are made in the image of God. We each have a bit of God within us. In our uniqueness, we are bound together with God as the Body of Christ!

Peace, Pr. Jeremy



**Important Dates**

**August 5th**

Marshall Council

**August 19th**

Little Cedar Council



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**Free Community Swim**

Please join Little Cedar Church on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at the Adams Town and Country Pool.

Please bring an item for the Southland Food Shelf. There will be a dinner with a free will offering provided by the pool.

Don't want to swim...just come hang out with friends and have a good supper.

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

Arlene Howard ~ Norma Larson ~ Curt Lewison  
Lloyd Hardecopf ~ Marilyn Thorstenson ~ Milo Sorenson  
Val Pitzen ~ Debbie Retterath ~ Dan Morgan  
Arvis Gunderson ~ Raeann Kane ~ Mary Smith



**Baptisms**

LC: Emma Louise Landherr  
Parents: Adam & Crystal Landherr

**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

**Summer Worship:**

Little Cedar ~ June 10th thru July 29th @ 7pm

**Sunday School:**

September - May

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

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**Quilters meet at Little Cedar**  
 Monday, August 3rd  
 @ 1:00pm


**Cause of the Month @ Marshall**  
**August 2015**  
 "Neighbor In Need"



 **Open Bridal Shower at Marshall**  
 Bridal shower for Matrieca Steen,  
 bride to be of Jacob Hanson  
 Saturday, August 8 @ 9:00 am  
 at Marshall Lutheran.  
  
 The couple is registered at  
 Sears, Bed Bath & Beyond & Kohl's

**Cause of the Month @ Little Cedar**  
**August 2015**  
 "Ruthie DeHoogh"  
 Bible Translation Ministry



 **Benefit for Adrian Mergen,**  
 1 1/2 year old son of Kyle  
 and Sarah Mergen and younger  
 brother of Alizha, Gavin and Taya.  
 Adrian has epilepsy, and we would  
 like to help them raise funds to  
 purchase a service dog and cover  
 medical expenses. If you'd be will-  
 ing to donate an item for the silent auction or  
 food for the pulled pork lunch (coleslaw, chips,  
 bars, etc.) please contact:  
**Kristina Matheis (507)-390-5074 or**  
**Sandy Johnson (507)-481-4393.**  
**Otherwise save Sat. Sept. 19th for Adrian's Day!**  
**\*\*\*Event will be held at Little Cedar\*\*\*\***

**Daycare News!!!**



July has been full of kids on vacation and lower num-  
 bers. We are able to walk just about every morning be-  
 fore lunch. Nap time is pretty quiet with all the fresh  
 air that we have been getting! A couple of events if  
 anyone is looking for plans in August: Free Community  
 Swim! There is a flyer outside of Kathy's office. It will  
 be held on Sunday, August 9th at 5:00-7:00 at the  
 Adams pool. The Mower County Free Fair will be  
 starting that following week on 11th. You can find  
 more information on the fair website Enjoying the last  
 half of our Summer!

**Service Group #1**

Bryce & Kellie Nelson Family – Co Chairperson (325-4535)

Shari Wagner (440-1458)– Co Chairperson

Russell & Karen Anderson (433-4846)

Brad & Beth Stadheim Family (433-3221)

Steve & Pam Bamrick Family (582-7787)

Sue Barnes Family (993-6022)

Brian & Teresa Bergene Family (437-8663)

Bruce & Mary Bergene Family (584-0908)

Dorothy Bergene (582-3259)

Ward & Lois Bergene (582-3523)

Deb Fasbender Family (582-7848)

Mary Finbraaten (582-3451)

Marjorie Bartholmey (582-3614)

Dorothy Triplett (582-3287)

Kerry Webber (438-8625)

Gayle & Lavonne Bergstrom(437-3009)

Larry & Bev Bowers (440-1898)

Kevin Kelly (507-434-7646)



**August**

**Communion Clean-up**

August 2nd & 16th

**Coffee Hours**

NONE

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**

August 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<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 August**

Bryce Nelson  
507-325-4535



<b><u>August ~ Readers</u></b>	
Aug. 2nd	June Wolf
Aug. 9th	Cindy Jax
Aug. 16th	Kristina Matheis
Aug. 23rd	Shirley Schroeder
Aug. 30th	Jim Osmundson





# YOUTH activities

## Mark Your Calendars

September 13th—Rally Sunday at Little Cedar

September 13th—First Senior LYO Meeting

September 16th—Parent/Student Meeting for Confirmation

September 20th—Joint Worship at LC at 10am for Detroit Talk—Lunch to Follow

September 20th—First Junior LYO Meeting

September 23rd—Confirmation Starts

## Educational News

### Vacation Bible School with Good Earth Village

What a busy, wonderful week! Our theme was “Light the Way” We talked about all the ways we can shine our light for Jesus. We had 75 registered students (not all 75 attended every day) and 21 helpers (18 of them were Middle/High School students). There were 37 Catholic youth, 3 youth from Faith Free in Austin, 2 from Lyle, 27 from Little Cedar and 6 from Marshall. We also had 9 counselors from Good Earth Village. The church was full and buzzing!

Our Thursday night program had a very good turnout and we served Root Beer floats.

Thank you to Jim & Shirley, Jeremy & Sandy, Brian & Sherry Schotanus and Nichole & Tony Johnson for housing the GEV staff as well as the Matheis family, Jeremy & Sandy and the Schotanus’ for hosting them for supper one night. Thank you to everyone who donated items and money. We couldn’t do it without your support.

The week was a very successful one. MiKayla Emanuel did this as her Senior Project and did a great job.



We had a great time at the National Youth Gathering in Detroit! Thank you to our awesome students and chaperones for making it so wonderful.

We are a very blessed community.

We look forward to telling you about our trip on September 20th at a Joint Worship Service at Little Cedar at 10am. We will have a dinner following the worship. We will share stories and pictures about our trip.

See page 6 for a report on our trip!

Our trip started at 8:40am after packing the bus and a short blessing! We made a bathroom stop and a lunch stop before arriving in Racine, Wisconsin at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church (SpaceShip Church). This is a very neat church with many symbols that lead us to Jesus. We will tell you more about it at our Worship Service! Because it was so hot, we decided to head straight to our hotel in Grayslake, Illinois instead of doing any site-seeing. This way the kids could cool off and swim. We were at a Comfort Suites. It was a very nice room.

On Tuesday we were able to sleep in and enjoy the nice, hot breakfast that was provided. At 10am we headed out to Six Flags in Gurnee, Illinois. You can hear more about that at the Worship as well but we had a great time. We had 2 extra tickets so we did a Pay It Forward moment and gave them to people standing in line to buy tickets. One went to a family with a couple small children and one went to a teenage girl whose friends all had passes but she did not. It was fun to see them throughout the day enjoying their time at the park.

On Wednesday we got up and headed to Detroit. We stayed at a Comfort Inn in Farmington Hills. It was about 25 miles from Detroit. We got all checked in and organized and then went straight to Ford Field for our Opening. We missed a few of the opening acts even though we were not late. But we did not have good seats so we vowed to never get there later again. We heard from The Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Mikka McCracken and Dr. Luke A. Powery. We really liked the Bishop. She is quite funny! The House Band keeps things fun and exciting. After the Mass Gathering, we meet up with Duane (our wonderful bus driver) who takes us back to our hotel where we do our Final 15. Our focus was on Mark 16:1-8 The Resurrection of Jesus. We talked about being afraid in Detroit but also how we could Rise Up Together.

Thursday was our Proclaim Story day. Before we headed in to Cobo for our afternoon activities, we walked the RiverWalk to check out Canada. It was a beautiful morning for a stroll. In Proclaim Story, we gathered with our own synod to explore God's story and our stories. We worshiped together as we listened to and proclaimed the story that Jesus is....Good News. A local band from Rochester/Good Earth Village entertained us and kept us awake! We spread out to meet new people and worked on a timeline of "Our Story". After that we hung around Cobo for a little while before heading back to Ford Field for our evening Gathering. We heard music from Bobby Siegfried, Blanca, Agape and Rachel Kurtz. Our speakers were Karis Ailabouni, Eric Barreto, Natasha T Miller and Alexia Salvatierra. I think Natasha the poet was our favorite! Our Final 15 was Mark 2:1-12 where Jesus heals a paralytic. We also talked about standing with the people of Detroit and helping them bear their burdens.

Friday was our Proclaim Community day. This gave us a little extra free time so we went to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills and then on to the Motown Museum in Detroit. Both museums gave us a great look at all the things we were talking about. Breaking chains, bearing burdens, bringing hope and building bridges. It was an awesome correlation to the lessons of the week. We had lunch at a nice local restaurant that served Coney Island dogs. We had great service and were treated very well. We had been given a gift of money and were asked to do Pay It Forward opportunities. We saw this as a perfect opportunity to do this. We paid for 8 peoples meals and then gave the 4 waitresses extra tips above what the adults and students had given. Everyone was so appreciative. Some said it was the nicest thing that had happen to them and thanked us for coming to their city. After this we headed in to Cobo, a 11 football field size building that they call the Holy Playground! After a few hours here decorating our Bibles, praying for friends near and far and just having a fun time, we made the trek to Ford Field. Our speakers were Rani Abdulmasih, Sarah Funkhouser (from Minnesota!) and Steve Jerbi. Our entertainment was the Motown Experience! What a treat that was for everyone! The Temptations, The Miracles and more! Our Final 15 tonight was Mark 6:47-51 Jesus Walks on Water. We talked about not recognizing Jesus all the time but that he is there when you least expect it.

Saturday was our Proclaim Justice day. We had to be up early and to Hart Plaza by 8:45am. We were sent to Cass Industries where we scraped paint, repainted, worked in the Soup Kitchen, shredded paper and made mats out of recycled tires. It was a hot and exhausting day but it was very rewarding. We learned a lot about Detroit and how they are a city of differences but for them that is Normal! We got back early from our Justice day so we hung out at Cobo again for one last time to shop and play before our last walk to Ford Field. On our walk we took lots of group pictures (even though the kids complained it was hot!) and enjoyed our long walk one last time. Our musical entertainment was Rachel Kurtz, Agape, Trip Lee and of course, the awesome Skillet! Our speakers were Kyle Larson, Veronika Scott, Rozella White and Marian Wright Edelman. We loved hearing from Veronika and her Empowerment Plan. She is only in her 20's and has been named one of CNN's 10 Visionary Women in the World and was also named a 2015 Forbes 30 under 30 Social Entrepreneur for her Sleeping Bag Coats for the Homeless. Our Final 15 was Mark 15:33-39 The Death of Jesus. We were all pretty tired but it might have been our best night of discussion! We talked about breaking chains and how, when we go back home, we can serve God, see Jesus and use the chains to bind us together for good. Our faith in Jesus will help us break the chains (sin) that need to be broken.

Sunday was another early day as we wanted to be at Ford Field before 8:30am to get in and get our good seats that we have had all week (except Wednesday!). We listened to more great music and had a great worship service. It was fun to see Bishop Eaton dancing around the altar and watching the dancers dance while holding communion! We shared offering and communion together—all 30,000 of us. It was quite the experience.

We were all pretty tired on the way home but there was not as much sleeping as I thought. We had a great trip and am already making plans for Houston in 2018.

Thank you so much to all the students and chaperones for making the trip so great. Thanks so much also to all of you back home who prayed for us, donated money or items. We could not do this without such a caring church and community. It is a trip we will all remember for a lifetime.

The Marshall Church council met on July 1, 2015 following the Wednesday evening summer church service. Members present: Craig Hanson, Rhonda Hatle, Julie Hanson, Jerry Sprau, Luvern Hanson, Larry Underdahl, Darrell Gordon, Gus Johnson, Gary Kulow, Sarah McKay, Karina Mensink, and Pastor Jeremy Johnson

Meeting was called to order by Gary. Pastor will be gone July 19<sup>th</sup> and has pulpit supply lined up in his absence to the youth gathering in Detroit. Kathy Voigt will also be on the trip, so Pat Hinz will be in the office a few hours each day to check messages.

Karina Mensink read the minutes from the June meeting. Julie Hanson gave the financial secretary report with a total offering for June of \$3,005.00 and COM of \$388.00 for a total of \$3,393.00. Year to date offering is \$20,417.70. Luvern Hanson gave the treasurer's report for June. Motion was made by Jerry Sprau and seconded by Larry Underdahl to approve the reports.

### **Old Business:**

Little Cedar is ready for vacation bible school. Good Earth Village personnel have places to stay and food plans. Karina talked to Brandt construction and it will be late August or early September before they will make it to Marshall to work on the steeple. Southland Construction is hoping to work on the roof around the same time as the steeple work is done. Money has been donated towards the church sign out front and now we need to decide if we are moving forward. Rhonda Hatle made a motion to take it to the congregation for a vote, seconded by Jerry Sprau. Motion carried. Congregational vote will be on 26<sup>th</sup> of July. Discussion was held on handling the old sign and Larry Underdahl will check with Bill Boe to discuss. A fire proof file cabinet was purchased/donated by Jerry Sprau at Earl Hamilton's sale and has been placed at Little Cedar in the records room.

### **New Business:**

Marshall's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is next summer. This will be brought up at church when discussing the new sign with the congregation for possible ideas. Aug 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a joint out-door service at Marshall (10:30) with lunch and yard games after the service. That evening Little Cedar will host a pool party at the Adams pool. Admission is free with a donation to the Southland Food Shelf. September 13<sup>th</sup> Little Cedar will host a joint service and the youth will share their experiences in Detroit. The food shelf is asking for a \$450 donation, cause of the month raised \$588 so that was given to the food shelf.

Investment discussions were led by Luvern Hanson. If money is moved to a Thrivent account, decisions concerning the account would be made by a smaller committee of 3 or 4 made up of the President, Treasurer and Trustee. Thrivent Bond Fund, Endowment Funds, and Mission Investments Funds will remain unchanged. Motion was made by Jerry Sprau to make investment changes, seconded by Gus Johnson. Larry and Luvern with talk with Thrivent to discuss changes.

Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Karina Mensink, Secretary



## Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

Little Cedar Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:45 p.m. The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Tracy Smith. Present: Karen Anderson, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Bryce Nelson, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Nancy Smith, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, and Jan Weness. Absent: Mary Schmitz, Shari Wagner, Millie Weness, Lani Wolff. The mission statement was read in unison. Pastor Jeremy gave devotions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Nancy Thalberg, seconded by Joe Matheis that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Joe Matheis reported on thank you notes from the Gideon's, Phillip Milks and Good Earth Village. There was also correspondence from the Mission Investment Fund.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Bryce Nelson that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

**Building:** Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Karen Anderson that we accept the bid of \$575 to seal the cracks in the parking lot with the payment to come from the maintenance fund. Motion carried.

**Cemetery:** Tracy Smith reported on the cemetery committee meeting. A sign recognizing the donor of the labyrinth will be put up and the veterans list will be updated. The committee is looking for donations for trees to be planted along the new driveway at the cemetery. Anderson Memorial has plotted a new section for burials and plots will be for sale.

**Youth and Education:** Tricia Milks read a report written by Tara Mullenbach on Bible School and the LYO Detroit trip.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jeremy reported on plans for Community Pool Night to be held on Sunday, August 9, from 5-7:30 p.m. A pulled pork meal will be served with donations going to the pool. Motion by Nancy Thalberg, seconded by Cathy Roser that \$500 from the Glenda Osmundson Memorial Fund be donated to the Adams Pool to cover costs of staffing and pool rental with any balance as a donation. Motion carried.

**Outstanding Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Devotions for August will be given by Cathy Roser. August Cause of the Month is the Adams Swimming Pool and September is Ruth DeHoogh's translation ministry.

Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Cathy Roser that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jan Weness, Secretary





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