

February 2014

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Luke 2:25-35

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." 33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!



On February 2nd was Candlemas. It is a Christian Holiday that many traditions celebrate, although rarely in the United States. Many traditions in Europe celebrate Candlemas with their own cultural twist on the holiday. What all traditions have in common is a blessing of the candles for the year.

The holiday is also known as the presentation of our Lord. A time when we celebrate Jesus being presented at the temple by Mary and Joseph and being fully revealed to the world. Jesus is the "light of the world," so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day. Jesus is the light of the world that illumines even the darkest corner.

In the beginning, God's Word brought light into the darkness, and for us today God's Word still brings light into the darkness! Below I included a list of verses that speak of God bringing light into the world. During these cold dark weeks of winter, I encourage you to take time (maybe even light a candle!) to explore in scripture the promise of light coming into the darkness of our lives!!

Peace, Pr. Jeremy

2 Samuel 22:29, Nehemiah 9:11-13, Job 33:28, Psalm 4:6, Psalm 18:28, Psalm 36:9, Psalm 43:3, Psalm 56:12-13, Psalm 89:15, Psalm 97:11, Psalm 104:1-3, Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:130, Isaiah 42:5-7, Isaiah 42:16, Isaiah

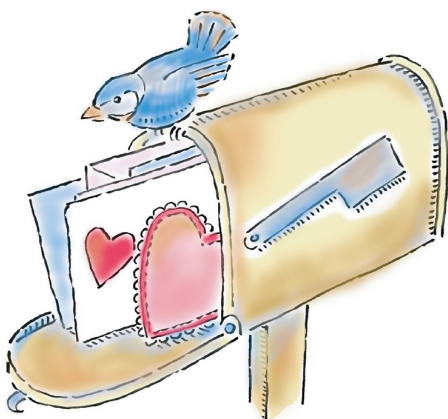
Important Dates

February 5th
Marshall Council

February 9th
Senior LYO

February 19th
Little Cedar Council Meeting

Looking Ahead
March 5th



Portrait Sign-up: We will have sign-up sheets available at Little Cedar and at Marshall on Sunday's. The best way to sign-up is online. Please contact Tara for that information or if you have any questions. Dates are February 19th through February 22nd and June 24th.



Volunteers Needed: To make our directory a success we need volunteers from both Little Cedar and Marshall. Tara is coordinating volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, contact Tara at the church or by email taramandt@frontiernet.net.

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

Dave Weness ~ Lahoma Retterath ~ Steve Bamrick ~ Jim Bustad
Lois Lewison ~ Tim Seimers ~ Arvis Gunderson ~ Val Pitzen
Logan Grundel (Grandson of Dave & Millie Weness)
Troy Boelman (son-in-law of Wayne & Bonnie Johnson)
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

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For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059

Cause of the Month for February 2014

Marshall

“Southland Foodshelf”

Little Cedar

“Kids Against Hunger”



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

Friends & Fellowship

Tuesday, February 11th @ Little Cedar

Program @ 11am

Noon Meal

Cost \$5

All are welcome!



An Evening With Mark

The camera pans across the horizon as John the Baptist appears from the wilderness. So begins Mark. Mark reads like an action film, keeping you on the edge of your seat wanting more. Mark’s sense of urgency and chronological order makes it perfect to read in one sitting. Its style makes it a meaningful read, no matter where you are in our faith. We are excited to invite you for a reading of Mark. Please bring your Bible and if you are able a dessert to share, and join us for a time of fellowship and renewal.

A Reading of Mark
Sunday, February 23rd
6 pm at Little Cedar

We encourage all to join us, young and old, parents and grandparents, all faiths and all children of God. Who knows, maybe we’ll even read a little bit of the Gospel from a Children’s bible! It is important for all us to be fed with God’s word and the message of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our National Youth Gathering youth will provide child-care for the evening for anyone interested. Donations will be accepted to go towards their National Youth Gathering trip! We look forward to seeing you there!



Child Care Available

Desserts





Service Group#5

- Dixie Rose (582-3657) Co-Chairperson
- Mary Schmitz (582-3621) Co-Chairperson
- Steve & Audrey Schroeder (582-3139)
- Lahoma Retterath (582-3110)
- Patti Hamilton Family (438-3960)
- Debbie Retterath Family (438-1681)
- Earl & Jane Orvik (582-3612)
- Jim & Joni Osmundson (582-3620)
- Wayne Robertson (437-6841)
- Chris & Cathy Roser (437-8119)
- Jill & Kevin Sathre (440-0291)
- Jim & Shirley Schroeder (582-3220)
- Doug & Kim Vogel Family (582-7868)
- Larry & Tammy Wilson (433-7193)
- Brian & Lani Wolff (582-1406)
- Robert Retterath
- Julie Schmitz (582-3696)
- Wayne & Carol Schramm (582-3477)
- Christine & Lydia Wik (507-440-1898)

February

Communion Clean-up

2nd & 16th

Coffee Hours
9th ~ 16th ~ 23rd

Deliver Meals on Wheels

NONE

Serve any funerals held

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



Head Usher for February

Bruce Bergene



Annual Meeting Booklets

If you would like a copy of the Annual Meeting for either Little Cedar or Marshall please stop in the office and pick one up.

Scripture Readers

February 2nd ~ Scout Sunday

February 9th ~ Jacob Anderson & Brandon Bergene

February 16th ~ Millie Weness

February 23rd ~ Lyn Meany

Youth activities

Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 9th.
Activity yet to be determined!

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is February 9th

Ushers: Gabrielle Smith & Colton Mandt
Readers: Jacob Anderson & Brandon Bergene

Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is February 2nd

Bruce & Mary Bergene, Leader
Brandon Bergene, Chase & Ramsey Gilson

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

February 2—Katlin Webber
February 16—Olivia Gray

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

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Educational News



Little Cedar's Sunday School lesson for February is "Abraham & Sarah"

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

There will not be Sunday School at Little Cedar on February 16th.



Sarah ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."



Confirmation and Worship News

Confirmation Meal Family for February

- February 5—Heather Felten
- February 12—Lyn Meany
- February 19—Amy Stephens
- February 26—Angie & Andy Smith



Little Cedar Acolytes and Worship Assistants

- February 2—Alexis Smith
- February 9—Dawson Gilson
- February 16—Lydia Wik
- February 23—Carter Johnson

Little Cedar Church Assistants

U=Usher G=Greeter

February 2 - **U:** Cole Medgaarden **G:** Noah Milks

Communion Family: Cody Crumb

February 9 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Maya Luke

February 16 - **U:** Rachel Meany **G:** Cody Crumb

Communion Family: Dakota Johnson

February 23 - **U:** Noah Milks **G:** Hannah McMasters

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Marshall Church Assistants

February 2 - **Erin Hanson**

February 9 - Nick Mensink

February 16 - **Asa Smith**

February 23 - Kendra Emanuel



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.

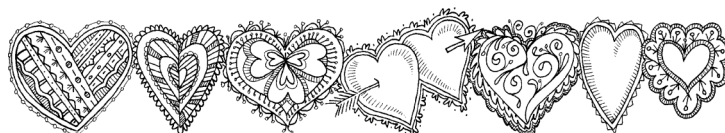
African leaders gather for theological

Minnesota is known for Ole and Lena. We're a frozen land of tough, fair-skinned, Scandinavian Lutherans. But if you step into one of the congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, you'll see beyond the stereotype. And not just because there are some Germans.

Several of our congregations now have communities of African immigrants, primarily from what is now South Sudan, worshipping in their midst. Because these communities worship in their own language – three different tribal languages in our synod – they have their own worship services and their own lay leaders. But these lay leaders have no theological training. This is where AGORA comes in.

Agora is a Greek word that means "marketplace." It's the place where people gather. The AGORA program serves as a place for the growing populations of new Americans to come to learn about leading their faith communities. AGORA began as an independent program in 2003. In 2012, it became part of [Luther Seminary's Global Mission Institute](#). During the 2012-2013 academic year, approximately 30 students from ethnic-specific and immigrant Lutheran congregations in the Twin Cities took part in the program. Leaders from four African-national communities in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod take part in programming offered right here in our area.

The participants in our synod's component of the program are lay evangelists, leaders identified by their communities, and others who preach. Once a month, the group gathers for an hour-and-a-half-long conversation about preaching on a selected Biblical text. These conversations have been led by Professor Richard Nysse, Luther Seminary, and Professor Emeritus Bradley Holt, Augsburg College, and others may contribute in the future. Through discussing preaching during these conversations, participants also learn about theology, Biblical studies, and even pastoral care.



January 8, 2014

Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting January 6, 2014. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Brenda Hanson, Andrew Sprau, Gary Kulow, Rhonda Hatle, Gib Seimers, Carie Hanson, Luvern Hanson, and Cathy Sprau. Absent: Jerry Sprau.

Chairman Dale Himebaugh called meeting to order. Pastor Jeremy gave devotions and prayer.

Pastor Jeremy gave his report. Little Cedar requested he attend their annual meeting, Sunday January 26, 2014. It was suggested that Marshall have a 9:00 worship service and Little Cedar would have a 10:30 service followed by their annual meeting. It was decided to do this. The Holden Evening Prayer service will be used for our Lenten services. The worship service is still be recorded at Marshall and the DVD is being passed around at the Cedar Court Apartments as well as to other shut-ins. Pastor is conducting worship services at the Adams Healthcare Center also.

Secretary's report was given for the month of December. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offerings for the month of December was \$9,111.76. Cause of the month, Southland Food Shelf, was \$418.76. Total offerings for 2013 was \$56,502.34. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. It was noted that Marshall's WELCA had given a check to the cemetery fund. Reviewed expenses. A motion by Gary Kulow to accept reports. 2nd by Gib Seimers. Motion carried.

Cause of the month for February will be the Southland Food Shelf and March will be Brevig Mission.

Old Business: Continue to discuss options for replacing church's roof. Will attempt to obtain estimates from different companies.

Continue discussion on performing same-gender marriages at Marshall church .

Suggested to discuss these items at Marshall's annual meeting.

New Business: Reviewed and discussed proposed budget for 2014. Marshall's annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 2014 following worship service and potluck dinner.

A motion by Brenda Hanson to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Gary Kulow.

Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by (pending additions or corrections at next meeting)

CATHY SPRAU^{MA} council secretary



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 @7:30pm. Members present: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Becky Hartwig, Joe Matheis, Rod Nordeng, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Nancy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Members absent: Pat Hinz, John Jax, Tricia Milks, Cathy Roser, and Lani Wolff. The meeting was called to order by 2013 Vice Chair Tracy Smith.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Jeremy

ELECTION of COUNCIL CHAIR/VICE CHAIR: nominations taken for Chair/Vice Chair were Pat Hinz and Tracy Smith. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Gordy Briggs that nominations cease and ballot cast for Pat Hinz, Council Chair and Tracy Smith, Vice Chair. Motion carried. Tracy Smith continued leading the meeting in Pat Hinz's absence.

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: a motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Rod Nordeng to approve the December 2013 council minutes, with the following correction: New Business #5 - add Bill Klinger-man's name to the acknowledgements for years on council and remove Jaymie Poshusta's name. Motion carried, with correction.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

Thank you was read from Amy DeHoogh for poinsettia received at Christmas.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie Poshusta reported an end of 2013 balance of \$13,860.40. There was discussion on possible fundraising for special projects. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Becky Hartwig, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building: Pastor Jeremy reported that Maynard Lewison spoke to him about snow removal. It was recommended that a job description/contract be written up with guidelines for the person in charge of snow removal. Gordy Briggs will look into this and report back in February.
- B. Cemetery: no report
- C. Daycare: no report
- D. Finance: no report
- E. Life & Missions: no report
- F. Personnel: Gordy Briggs reported that he and Pat Hinz met with Lyn Johnson.
- G. Youth & Education: Pastor Jeremy read a report from Tara Mandt, giving an update on Sunday School, Confirmation and the Youth groups. Fundraising will begin for the 2015 Youth Gathering in Detroit. Council would like to see the Youth Financial Report in the Annual Meeting Report. Pastor Jeremy will pass that on to Tara Mandt.

Worship & Music; working on Lent services.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy reported that skits will be a part of the Wednesday Lenten Services and said he will be looking for volunteers to participate. An end of February event is being planned for the E-Bible Study group.



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A. Rescind Nov 20 motion on the stock money donated to church: A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Gordy Briggs to recognize the action of the council on December 27, 2013, taken by electronic vote, to transfer the 100 shares of IBM stock to the general fund. The shares were redeemed after the vote tally on December 27, 2013. Motion carried.

Mission Outreach: A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Gordy Briggs to give \$1000 to the Southland Food Shelf, \$1000 to Kids Against Hunger and \$2000 to Brevig Mission in Alaska, money to come from the Lutefisk Fund. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Sign up for Committees: do in February
- B. Council member information: do in February
- C. Council Installation: February 9, 2014
- D. Audit Committee: report in February
- E. February Cause of the Month: Kids Against Hunger
- F. Devotions for February: Becky Hartwig

Treasurer's position: Jaymie Poshusta will retain this position until the end of June. Announcement will be made in church and the church bulletin asking for anyone interested in the position to contact Pastor Jeremy.

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

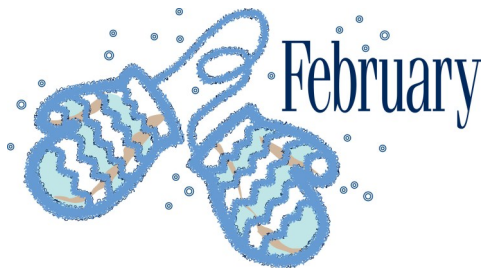
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

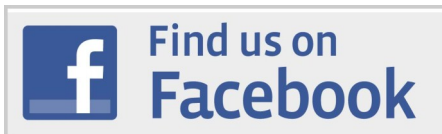
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