



February 2016



Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Luke 2:25-35

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

I dare ya! Last year I challenged you to read the Gospel of Mark during Lent. Well, this year during worship we will hear many of our Gospel readings from Luke. Therefore, I give you the even bigger challenge of reading the Gospel of Luke during lent this year! Luke is 24 chapters long, and so that means you'll have to read just more than half a chapter each day.

Of course, some say that Luke is the best Gospel. Everyone has his or her favorite Gospel. And Luke was in fact a very good author. In many ways he was a very eloquent writer, and gives a well-crafted account of Jesus' life. Luke has a few passages that you can't find in the other Gospels.

For example, the parable of The Good Samaritan. You can never go wrong with this parable. It is a teaching from Jesus that I'm sure captured the imagination of its readers centuries ago, and still captures our imaginations today. No matter where we find ourselves, we encounter people and know people who we may not consider or want to be our neighbors. Everyone is challenged to show kindness to the "neighbors" in their life.

We are always challenged by scripture. We are pushed beyond our comfort zone and pushed to take risk. We are encouraged to show compassion and mercy to those we encounter. We are challenged to share God's great love for the world. That is the nature of Jesus, and the message we hear in scripture.

Peace,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

February 10th
Marshall Council

February 10th
Ash Weds. Service @ LC

February 17th
Little Cedar Council



Ash Wednesday

February 10th @ Little Cedar

Soup Supper at 6pm service at 7pm

Lenten Weds. Services Schedule

Soup Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm

February 17th ~ Marshall

February 24th Little Cedar

March 2nd ~ Marshall

March 9th ~ Little Cedar

March 25th ~ Marshall

March 23rd ~ Little Cedar

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



Tammy Wilson ~ Steve Vangsness ~ Norma Larson
Dan Morgan Arvis Gunderson ~ Raeann Kane ~ Mary Fasbender

Funerals at Little Cedar:

Shirleen Tipton

Baptisms at Little Cedar:

Weston Lee Schotanus—Parents Jake & Whitney

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

Sunday School:

September - May

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

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Quilters meet at Little Cedar
February 1st
@ 1:00pm

Lenten Challenge. I dare ya!

We invite you during the season of Lent to read through the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of Luke is our assigned Gospel for this church year, and so we will hear many of our Gospel readings on Sunday from Luke. You have two options.



Number 1. Bring home the reading plan bookmark included with your bulletin, put it in your Bible, and put your Bible somewhere that you won't forget.

Number 2. Sign up for the Bibl-E-Study if you haven't already. During Lent, an email will be sent out each morning with the assigned reading for the day. Along with a little fun, as always! Enjoy!

Adult Education Opportunity

*****Islam, Yesterday and Today*****



Especially with the current situations in the world, many questions arise about Islam and the central beliefs of Islam. With that, Pastor Jeremy will be hosting an adult education on Wednesday evenings

during Lent. Please join him on February 10th, February 24th, and March 9th from 5:00 to 6:00 at Little Cedar. We will look at the history of Islam, their central beliefs and practices, and touch on some of the current complexities. You are then invited to stick around for the Lenten soup supper and worship. This will be a fairly casual time so please come when you can.



We haven't been able to get outside too much this month because of the frigid temperatures we have been having. Hopefully the sun will stay warm in the coming months! We are collecting gallon milk jugs for building an igloo so if you are looking for a new way to recycle them, we will take them off your hands! We will be needing about 250. We would like to welcome our new custodian, Al Fasbender. We look forward to working with you!!



Called all thespians! or anyone who is willing to read a script. During Wednesday Lenten services we will once again be hosting a series of skits. This year Judas Iscariot will be put on trial; "The People vs. Judas Iscariot." After having betrayed Jesus, we will decide the fate of Judas Iscariot. Shall he be forgiven or shall he receive judgment? As usual, the skits are fairly simple. All that is required is to read through the script a couple times on your own, then to check in with each other during soup supper on the night of the skit to work out any final details. So if you'd be willing to help out, please let Pastor Jeremy or the office know. Thanks!!



Service Group #1

- Shari Wagner (440-1458)–Co Chairperson
- Brian & Teresa Bergene (437-8663) –Co Chairperson
- Bryce & Kellie Nelson Family (325-4535)
- Russell & Karen Anderson (433-4846)
- Brad & Beth Stadheim Family (433-3221)
- Steve & Pam Bamrick Family (582-7787)
- Sue Barnes Family (993-6022)
- 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 Family (438-8625)
- Gayle & Lavonne Bergstrom (437-3009)
- Larry & Bev Bowers (440-1898)
- Kevin Kelly (507-434-7646)



February

Communion Clean-up
February 7th & 21st

Deliver Meals on Wheels
NONE

Coffee Hours
February 14th, 21st & 28th

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
507-584-0908



February Readers

February 7th ~ June Wolf

February 14th ~ Hannah McMasters
& Chris Webber

February 21st ~ Marlene Hanson

February 28th ~ Bev Bowers

WELCA Upcoming Events

April 21, 2016 — Zumbro River Conf., Faith Lutheran, Dodge Center.

June 25, 2016 — Good Earth Village Women’s Day.

July 11-13, 2017 — Tenth Triennial Convention, Minneapolis, MN.

July 13-16, 2017 — Tenth Annual Triennial Gathering, Minneapolis

Youth and Education News

Senior LYO

(9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be in March.

Stay tuned for details.

January Senior LYO Meeting Minutes

Our January meeting was sledding at Skinner's Hill and going to Caribou in Austin. The weather was great and we had a good time. There were 7 studnets and Pastor Jeremy and his family joined us as well.

Vice-President, Colton Mandt

R.O.C. (Junior High Students) - Our next meeting will be in late February or early March. Stay tuned for details.

Attention Senior High Students! We are working out details for another 3rd Half (aka 5th Quarter) in February. Watch for details.

Little Cedar Sunday School News

Teachers for February are:

February 7—Gabby Smith & Colton Mandt

February 14—Maddie Wolff & Lisa Lamp

February 21—Kelsie Lamp & Emily Conroy

February 28—Sarah Mergen and Colton Mandt



YOUTH IN WORSHIP

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is February 14th

Ushers: Cole Medgaarden & Alyssa Anderson
Readers: Hannah McMasters & Chris Webber

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

February 7—Kylie Poshusta
February 21—Maddie Wolff



February Coffee Hour

Lead Family: Penny & Ramsey Gilson
Helper Families: Alyssa Anderson & Hannah McMasters

Little Cedar Worship Assistants

- *February 7—Khlover Schulz
- *February 14—Alizha Kappers
- *February 21—Chase Johnson
- *February 28—Olivia Matheis

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP.

Confirmation

Marshall Church Assistants

- *February 7—Erin Hanson
- *February 14—Isaac Himebaugh
- *February 21—Haley Whipple
- *February 28—Kelsey Mensink

Little Cedar Church Assistants

- *February 7—U: Avery Medgaarden G: Sara Conroy
*Communion Family—Lydia Wik
- *February 14—U: Malina Luke G: Carter Johnson
- *February 21—U: Dawson Gilson G: Carter Johnson
*Communion Family—Lexi Smith
- *February 28—U: Ashlynn Mandt G: Cade Sheehan

If you are unable to be at church on your given Sunday, contact Tara ASAP so she can make a switch.

Confirmation Meals

February 3—Mike and Lisa Lamp



First Communion Classes will be starting February 10th.

Stay tuned for more details. This year's students are:

Little Cedar

- Cody Krull
- Bradley Lagerstedt
- Gavin Mergen
- Hope Stephens
- Heath Voigt

Marshall

- Jessie Hanson
- Julia Kiefer



Marshall Church Minutes January 6, 2016

The Marshall Church council met on January 6, 2016. Members present were: Luvern Hanson, Larry Underdahl, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Darrel Gordon, Julie Hanson, Gary Kulow, Rhonda Hatle and Craig Hanson. Absent were: Karina Hanson, Gus Johnson, Jerry Sprau, and Sarah Sprau.

Meeting was called to order by Gary Kulow.

The secretary's report from December was read. Julie Hanson gave the Financial Secretary's report and the total offering for December was \$8,365 and Cause of Month income for December \$658.25 – Southland Foodshelf. Luvern Hanson gave the Treasurer's report for November. A motion was made by Craig Hanson to accept the reports as given, seconded by Larry Underdahl.

Pastor reported that money has come through in December for the Southland Food Shelf from various local congregations, as well as individual donations. Pastor presented the trend report for Brevig Mission for review. Brevig Mission currently has 390 members on the roll, with the average Sunday worship attendance at 40. There are 100 confirmed members. Total funding \$100,000 per year, \$40,000 from grants and partnership congregations and \$8,700 from members. The family helped with \$100 in Neighbor in Need funds was very thankful. Shoes were bought for the four kids, along with toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and other personal hygiene items.

Old Business: The church sign has been installed and looks great. Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2016.

New Business: Pastor would like to ask the Bishop to come to Adams for Marshall's 140th year celebration this year. He would like to have a date set for the celebration so that he may get it set up on the bishop's calendar. The council referred the celebration to the Ladies' WELCA for planning. The 2016 budget was prepared and discussed. Rhonda Hatle (Deacon), Gary Kulow (Trustee), Luvern Hanson (Treasurer) and Karina Mensink (Secretary) are set to go off council in 2016. Nominating committee for 2016 is Dale Himebaugh and Andrew Sprau. Cause of the Month for February is Rachel's Hope. March cause of the month will be Brevig Mission.

Meeting was adjourned by Rhonda Hatle, and seconded by Larry Underdahl. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karina Mensink



Little Cedar Church Council Minutes**December 2015**

The Little Cedar Church Council met on Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Karen Anderson home. Present: Karen Anderson, Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Bryce Nelson, Mary Schmitz, Nancy Smith, Tracy Smith, Nancy Thalberg, Shari Wagner, Jan Weness, Millie Weness. Absent: Tricia Milks, Dixie Rose, Cathy Roser, Lani Wolff.

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Tracy Smith. Millie Weness presented the proposed 2016 budget. Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Mary Schmitz that we accept the 2016 budget as proposed by the finance committee. Carried.

The council then adjourned to enjoy a delicious soup supper prepared by Karen Anderson.

The meeting was called back to order by chairperson, Tracy Smith

Secretary's Report: Motion by Mary Schmitz, seconded by Joe Matheis that the November minutes be approved as printed. Carried.

Correspondence: A letter from Luther Seminary was passed around thanking us for our much earlier gift to their scholarship program and appreciation for it's annual scholarship support to seminary students.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Jan Weness, seconded by Karen Anderson, that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed. Carried.

Committee Reports: Pastor Jeremy presented Tara Mandt's youth report. Attachment included.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported that he will be on vacation between Christmas through the next weekend.

Outstanding Business: none

New Business: A letter of resignation was read from Jim and Shirley Schroeder. The council decided that the job opening for custodian will be posted in the church bulletin, Facebook, email and the Churchmouse.

Motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Bryce Nelson that the proposed changes in the job description for the custodian be accepted. Carried.

Motion by Bryce Nelson, seconded by Shari Wagner that the congregation give Jim and Shirley Schroeder a gift of \$100 as a recognition and thank you for their custodial work for 20 years. Carried.

The council set Sunday, January 10, 2016, following worship, as the date for the annual meeting.

Devotions were given by Pastor Jeremy. Jan Weness volunteered to give devotions at the January meeting. The next meeting is January 20, 2016.

Motion by Joe Matheis, **seconded** by Karen Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

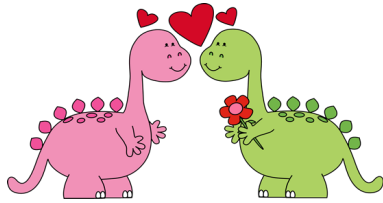
Jan Weness, Secretary

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