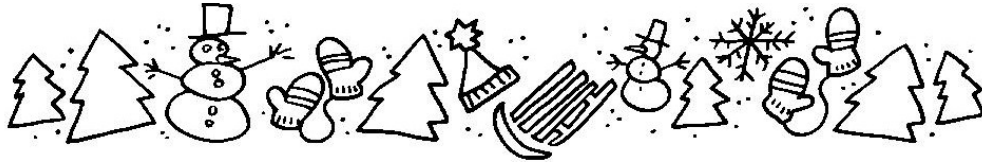




January 2014

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ **So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Happy New Year Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

So...what's your New Years resolution!?! It's a question that is always asked at New Years. What are you going to do differently in your life? As we venture into the New Year, our conversations center around a renewed self, and hope and well wishes in this New Year!

In the fall we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA. The anniversary theme was "Always being made new, 25 years together in Christ." In Christ we are always being made new. As Luther wrote in the Small Catechism, day after day the Spirit is creating and renewing faith through the means of grace, the word and sacraments.

As Disciples of Christ, we live in the spirit of daily being made new! Every morning we wake up with the promise of a new start of being made new in Christ. Daily we die with Christ in baptism, and daily we rise to life with him, not alone but together with all who bear Christ's name in the world. For it is true, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. Look! Everything is being made new! (2 Cor. 5:17)

New Years is a great time to make a new commitment! But we also live everyday with a renewed self, oriented towards service to others, and we live in hope, joy, and peace for what lies ahead for us and the world!

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

January 1st
Happy 2014

January 8th
Marshall Council

January 19th
Marshall
Annual Meeting

January 26th
Little Cedar
Annual Meeting

January 29th
Little Cedar
Council Meeting



Annual Meetings

Marshall Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 19th
After worship there will be a Potluck Dinner followed by our meeting.
Please have your reports in the office by Monday, January 13th.

Little Cedar Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26th following worship
Please have your reports in the office by Monday, January 20th.



Winter Fun!!!

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

Lahoma Retterath ~ Steve Bamrick ~ Jim Bustad
Lois Lewison ~ Tim Seimers ~ Arvis Gunderson ~ Val Pitzen
Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)
Julene Monteleone (granddaughter of June Wolf)



Baptism @ Little Cedar:

Jackson Scott Schotanus Parents: Jacob & Whitney Schotanus

Funeral @ Little Cedar: Harold Wiste

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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Youth Director	Tara Mandt	taramandt@frontiernet.net
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For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059

Cause of the Month for January 2014

Marshall

“Neighbor in Need”

Little Cedar

“Cox Family”

A Rose Creek Family who suffered a



Quilters meet at Little Cedar

Monday, January 6th @ 1pm

Friends & Fellowship

Tuesday, January 14th @ Little Cedar

Program @ 11am

Noon Meal

Cost \$5

All are welcome!

**Church Photo
Directory**



Join us as we

Connect our Families!

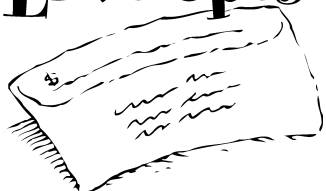
We have started the process of a new family directory. Let's put names with faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

We will have more details in January but the dates are Wednesday, February 19th through Saturday, February 22nd and then one day on Tuesday, June 24th.



Better start brushing
those teeth!!!

**Offering
Envelopes**



Don't Forget to pick up
your 2014
offering
Envelopes!!!!

Thank you from the Southland Foodshelf

We wish to thank all of the organizations, churches, and individuals who donated either canned goods, monetary donations, beef, pork etc ...to the Foodshelf this month. Your generosity is what keeps us going and able to help ease the burden for over 55+ families that are currently on our list. This is a wonderful community that we live in that is willing to give of their time and resources for the benefit of others. God's Blessings to all of you and have a very Happy New Year!

The Southland Faith Community
Foodshelf

Board Members



Thank you to everyone who was so kind and thoughtful to give the church secretary a gift for Christmas! Everything was very much appreciated and enjoyed. I am so thankful to work for such a good group of people. You are fabulous!!! God's Blessings to all of you in 2014!

KATHY





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)

January 2014

Communion Clean-up

5th & 19th

Coffee Hours

12th, 19th, 26th

Deliver Meals on Wheel

1st thru 10th

Serve any funerals held

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

Head Usher for January

Maynard Lewison

582-3324



Scripture Readers

January 5th ~ Nancy Thalberg

January 12th ~ Colton Mandt & Kelsie Lamp

January 19th ~ Jan Weness

January 26th ~ Joni Osmundson



Youth activities

Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 12th.
Activity yet to be determined!

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is January 12th

Ushers: Carma Sheehan & Alyssa Anderson
Readers: Colton Mandt & Kelsie Lamp

Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is January 5th

Mark & Lilly Sorenson, Leader
Sarah Sorenson, Laura Luke & Tyler Crumb

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

January 5—Lucas Mandt
January 19—Delanie Barnes

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

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Educational News

Sunday School at Little Cedar and Marshall
resumes on January 5th.

Little Cedar's Sunday School lesson for January
is "The Disciples".





Confirmation and Worship News

There is **NO** class on Wednesday, January 1st. Have a great New Year!

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Confirmation Meal Family for December

-January 8—Angie & Andy Smith
-January 15—Brad & Maria Johnson
-January 22—Lyn Meany
-January 29—Len & Karina Mensink
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Little Cedar Acolytes and Worship Assistants

- January 5—Noah Lamp
- January 12—Malina Luke
- January 19—Ashlynn Mandt
- January 26—Cade Sheehan

A Christmas Message from Bishop Delzer

On that silent night so long ago, in that little town of Bethlehem, God entered the world in a quiet, unheralded appearance as a human baby. On the silent night so long ago, in that little town of Bethlehem, God became one of us and identified totally with the human race. Ultimately he would experience our fears, face our anxieties, be challenged by our questions, and taste our frustrations. And finally he would die for our sin, and rise to give us new life. But on that silent night so long ago, in that little town of Bethlehem – How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!

[Christmas](#) is more than just an event that happened in the past. It still happens today. Just as surely as God made an appearance on that silent night so long ago, in that little town of Bethlehem, still today God enters our lives, our world, our time. If we just open our eyes in faith we will see God in our midst, touching our lives, supporting us in our weakness, sustaining us in our pain, surrounding us with his love.

This Christmas we have the privilege to once again stand at the manger, and see the Holy Child of Bethlehem, and welcome God into our hearts and lives, and experience the truth that Christmas is more than just an event that happened in the past, and to celebrate the fact that God is right here, right now, in surprising, often silent, yet very human ways. Maybe that’s what Mary discovered on that silent night so long ago, in that little town of Bethlehem, as she pondered all these things in her [heart](#).

Little Cedar Church Assistants U=Usher G=Greeter

- January 5 - **U:** Hannah McMasters **G:** Rachel Meany
Communion Family: Cody Crumb
- January 12 - **U:** Jacob Stephens **G:** Maya Luke
- January 19 - **U:** Rachel Meany **G:** Dakota Johnson
Communion Family: Kylie Poshusta
- January 26 - **U:** Maya Luke **G:** Kylie Poshusta

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Marshall Church Assistants

- January 5 - **Kendra Emanuel**
- January 12 - Erin Hanson
- January 19 - **Nick Mensink**
- January 26 - Asa Smith



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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.
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December 4, 2013

Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting December 4, 2013. 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 the meeting to order. Pastor Jeremy welcomed everyone to his home for our meeting and socializing. He gave pastor's report. He inquired about giving financial assistance to a needy person. The council suggested to direct party to public assistance at this time as not a member of our church. Pastor will be gone Sunday, December 29, 2013. Will have readers and sing Christmas carols for this service and not need a pulpit supply. The recording of the worship service is going OK. The plan for the new year is to have it shown at the Adams Healthcare Center at a scheduled time. At this time the DVD is being passed around to Marshall members.

Secretary's report was given for the month of November. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offering for the month of November was \$3,543.75. Cause of the month, Salvation Army, was \$163.75. Total offering thus far for 2013 is \$47,390.58. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. Reviewed expenses. Marshall received \$345 from Thrivent Choices dollars. Thanksgiving eve offering will go the Southland Food Shelf. A motion by Gary Kulow to accept reports. 2nd by Andrew Sprau. Motion carried.

Cause of the month for January will be the "Neighbor in Need" fund.

Old Business: Approximately 80 people were served. at the Salvation Army November 12, 2013.

The trip to Central Lutheran in Minneapolis went well. Approximately 360 people were served a Thanksgiving dinner. Many items were distributed to these people.

A trial of a large print bulletin was well received. Marshall will order a large print hymnal at a cost of \$80 plus shipping and handling. Will be available for our visually impaired members.

The Forte-Milers will hold a performance at Little Cedar Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 2:30 PM.

New Business: The 2014 budget for Marshall Church will be discussed at our next council meeting. The finance committee met and will discuss this also at our next meeting.

Marshall Church's annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 19, 2014 following worship service.

Our next council meeting will be held January 8, 2014 due to New Year's Day.

A motion by Gary Kulow to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Darrell Gordon. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by (pending additions or corrections at next meeting)

CATHY SPRAU, Council Secretary



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 7:30 pm at the home of Pastor Jeremy. Members present: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Maynard Lewison, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Tricia Milks, Rod Nordeng, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith, and Pastor Jeremy. Members absent: Bill Klingerman. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER: Pat Hinz

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Mary Schmitz to approve the council minutes of November 2013, as printed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

Thank you note read from Zach Anderson, recipient of the Seminary Scholarship.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie reported a balance in the general fund of -\$6571.00. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Gordy Briggs to transfer money from the dedicated accounts fund to the general fund to cover any negative balance at the end of the calendar year 2013, to be paid back. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by Tricia Milks to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Building: Maynard Lewison reported that Andy Smith is doing snow removal for his son Asa, who has an injury.

B. Cemetery: no report

C. Daycare: Linda Gilles reported that gifts (books) were purchased for the daycare children, for Christmas, at a cost of \$60. A \$100 donation was made to the daycare so this would cover that expense. The daycare scholarship is ready to be given to Morgan Mortenson, upon receipt of proof of college enrollment. The daycare will not be enrolling in the food program, at this time. The amount received would be minimal and would not compensate for all of the extra time spent on the paper work.

D. Finance: Jaymie Poshusta presented council members with a copy of the finance committee's proposed budget for 2014. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Maynard Lewison to bring the committee's proposed budget for 2014 to the annual meeting. Motion carried.

E. Life & Missions: no report

F. Personnel: no report

G. Youth & Education: Tricia Milks' report from Tara Mandt: there was good response to the Sunday School Christmas Program. The Sr. LYO collected 359 pounds of food and \$30 for the food shelf, in November. Thanks to all who donated to the Toys for Tots program.

Worship & Music: Pat Hinz reported that committee worked on the service for December 29th, when Pastor Jeremy will be away. No pulpit supply that Sunday.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy asked for input on the discretionary fund. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mission Outreach: was discussed during the finance committee report. Will discuss this at the annual meeting.

No rebate on the water heater installed, it was not energy efficient enough to qualify.



Little Cedar Council Minutes Continued from page 8**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Nominating Committee Question: A member has agreed to serve on the next council, but cannot serve the first 4 months. The committee has a member who will fill in the first 4 months for this person. Can this be done? Council gave the okay for this to happen.
- B. Set date for Annual meeting: A motion was made by Mary Schmitz, seconded by Tracy Smith to have the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2014, following worship services. Motion carried.
- C. Bishop Delzer's Statement: Informational hand out on Bishop Delzer's thoughts about same-gender marriage.
- D. Budget: was discussed under the finance committee report
- E. Review of the Year-Looking Ahead:
1. More communication is needed, things written down
 2. Be more professional in job descriptions, committee chairs writing down what's been done in their committees-to pass on to the next person who takes their place.
 3. Monthly Mission offering, possibly, to raise funds for missions.
 4. Having a set budget for each individual facet of the church, not to be exceeded.
 5. Pat thanked Lyn Meany, Tracy Smith, Maynard Lewison and Jaymie Poshusta for their years of service on the council. Council in turn thanked Pat for her year as Chair of the Council. Lyn Meany was thanked for her contribution to the Sunday School Program as well.
- A. Reminders: the council meets briefly after the annual meeting to elect its new chair and vice chair.
- B. Cause of the Month for January 2014: A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Becky Hartwig to make the Cox Family of Rose Creek the cause of the month, January 2014. Motion carried. The Cox family lost most of their belongings in a recent house fire. Their children attend Southland Schools.
- C. Next Council Meeting Date: January 29, 2014
- D. Devotions for January: Pastor Jeremy
- E.
- Current Church Insurance goes until October 2014. It was recommended that a review of this be done before the policy is renewed again. It was decided to bring this to the new council in 2014.

DATES to REMEMBER: January 2014 Newsletter Article deadline is December 21, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm with members enjoying fellowship with Pastor Jeremy and Sandy. Council thanks the Johnson's for opening their home to them to meet.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

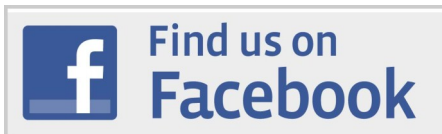


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