



January 2015

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!

I think this has become one of my favorite pieces of scripture! This idea of everything becoming new. Everyone likes something new. That is part of what is so fun about New Years. The chance to start over, begin something new. To put the past behind and start new.

I've been interested in the traditional New Years song lately, "Auld Lang Syne." Most of us sing the song, or mumble along with it anyways, without really knowing the words or its meaning. The song is a Scottish tune, with its title translating "times gone by." It is about remembering friends from the past and not letting them be forgotten.

As our New Year begins, we certainly don't forget our past year, because it has made us who we are today. However, we can also move forward with hope that Christ is making all things 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. Everyday is a chance to begin again!

Wishing you Yuletide Greetings and a Happy New Year!!

PR. JEREMY



Important Dates

January 7th
Marshall Council

January 11th
Little Cedar
Annual Meeting

January 21st
Little Cedar
Council Meeting



Little Cedar

Sunday, January 11th following worship.
All reports are due in the church office
by Weds. January 7th

Marshall

A date has not been set.

Please watch your bulletins for the date.

May all kings
fall down before him,
all nations give
him service.

Psalm 72:11, NRSV



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

Amy Sprau~Marge Bartholmey~Dan Morgan~Robert Hanson (A)

Baptisms: Little Cedar
Aiden Myles Klaehn ~ Parents Joe & Shawna
Hayden Marie Felten ~ Parents Chad & Heather

Funerals: Little Cedar ~ Byron Junior Huseby

If you have a prayer request, please let the church office

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
January 5th @ 1:00pm

Marshall Cause of the Month

January 2015
"Neighbor in Need"




Daycare News!!!
Huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts to the daycare. The kids love them! They were so excited to open up the gifts from "Santa". It's so nice to see the selflessness in the community during the holiday season.....

 Don't forget to pick up your 2015 offering envelopes!



Thank you to everyone who remembered me this Christmas. I feel so blessed to be able to come to work and enjoy what I do. You are the reason I enjoy it so much. Gods blessings to you in the coming year,

Kathy


The Pig Project was a HUGE success!!!
Way to go Little Cedar & Marshall Churches. The final tally is 11 pigs by Marshall. At Little Cedar, the confirmation students collected enough for 22 pigs and the Council collected enough for 16 pigs. For a grand total of 49 pigs!!!(\$1,465). Hats off to all of you! Many families will be blessed by the gift of these pigs!



Thank You
The Youth would like to give a very big Thank You to everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts for the Detroit 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Your generosity is a blessing.



If you purchased a poinsettia plant you are welcome to take them home at anytime.



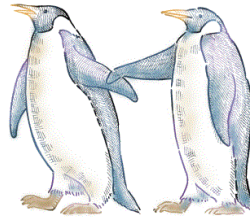
—Mentor and Mentee Night—



Don't forget that we have our next Mentor/Mentee night on Wednesday, January 28th starting at 6:00pm.

We will have a great time continuing on this faith journey together!

Friends & Fellowship



Tuesday, January 13th
@ Little Cedar
Program @ 11:00am
Lunch @ Noon
Cost \$5
All are welcome!!!

MORE THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Detroit Breakfast on Sunday, December 21st. All the parents & kids did a great job~lots of hands made the work much lighter for everyone! Also, a big thank you to all those who came, eat and shared in a great morning of Fellowship. We had a great turnout and raised a nice amount of money towards the Detroit Trip fund. A super, great big thank you to Lyn Meany and her family for their continued support of the Youth and their donation to the breakfast!

I could never have done it!



Thanks! Tara

Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts and cards during this Christmas Season! It really means a lot to me to have so many people think of me at this busy time of year.

Love,

Tara Mandt

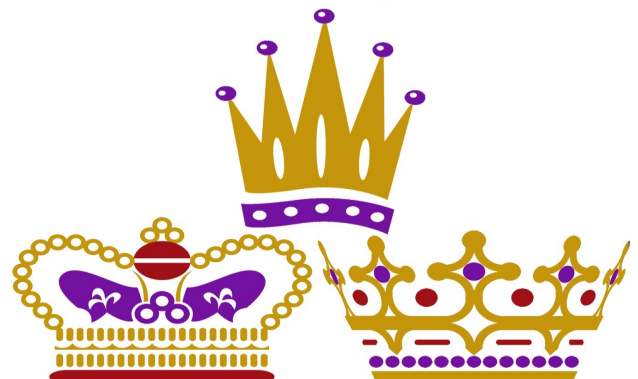
Youth & Education Director



... opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW 2:11, NRSV

Thank you to everyone who donated a toy for the Marine's "Toys for Tots" program. The Senior LYO delivered them to the News Station at their December meeting on the 14th.



Service Group #1

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

Gayle & Lavonne Bergstrom – Co Chairperson 437-3009)

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)

Gordon & Terry Briggs (582-3594)

Deb Fasbender Family (582-7848)

Mary Finbraaten (582-3451)

Shari Wagner (582-3123)

Marjorie Bartholmey (582-3614)

Dorothy Triplett (582-3287)

Kerry Webber (438-8625)

January 2015

Communion Clean-up
4th & 18th

Coffee Hours
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

Deliver Meals on Wheels
1st thru 9th

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
507-582-3324



"We're the Martins. We left our son Mike here for a pizza party a few months ago."

January Readers



- 4th ~ June Wolf
- 11th ~ Lucas Mandt & Phillip Milks
- 18th ~ Sandy Johnson
- 25th ~ Joni Osmundson

YOUTH activities



Thank you for being such wonderful families to work with!
2014 was a great year and I know 2015 will be even better! Tara

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

Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 11th. We are stilling hashing out details so stay tuned.

R.O.C. (Junior High Students) - We do not have a meeting scheduled at this time. We will be going bowling just haven't been able to put a date on the calendar! Stay tuned.

Schwans-Cares Fundraiser: Please continue to support the LYO on their fundraiser for the trip to Detroit in 2015. We still earn 5% of any purchases made. It is a super easy and delicious fundraiser! All you have to do is go to <https://schwans.flipgive.com/campaigns/10024-lyo-detroit-2015/fundraisers#content> and pick a student you would like to support or call 1-855-870-7208 and mention that you are purchasing for the LYO Detroit 2015 fundraiser and the items will be delivered right to your door! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tara Mandt.

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.

Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, February 18th at Little Cedar

Wednesday, February 25th at Marshall

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

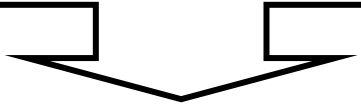
Little Cedar Sunday School News

What a great job with the Christmas Program kids! You all did so good. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it possible too.

There is no Sunday School on January 4th! We will see you back on January 11th. Our lesson for January will be Joseph & Pharaoh found in Genesis 39:20-47:57; 45:1-15; 50:15-21.

Marshall Sunday School News ~ Sunday School will resume on January 11th.

Confirmation News & Worship News



Mentor and Mentee Night—Don't forget that we have our next Mentor/Mentee night on Wednesday, January 28th starting at 6:00pm.

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Marshall Church Assistants

January 4 - Kendra Emanuel
January 11 - Erin Hanson
January 18 - Isaac Himbaugh
January 25 - Haley Whipple

Confirmation Meals

January 7—Karla & Aaron Whipple
January 14—Scott & Tammy McMasters
January 21—Spencer & Nicole Medgaarden
January 28—Brad & Maria Johnson/Sean & Jill Gilson

Little Cedar Acolyte & Worship Assistant Schedule:

January 4 - Alizha Kappers
January 11 - Lydia Wik
January 18 - Kiyanna Meyer
January 25 - Eli Wolff

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

Little Cedar Church Assistants

U=Usher G=Greeter

January 4 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Cade Sheehan
Communion Family: Hannah McMasters
January 11 - **U:** Kylie Poshusta **G:** Noah Milks
January 18 - **U:** Dawson Gilson **G:** Lexi Smith
Communion Family: Cole Medgaarden
January 25 - **U:** Carter Johnson **G:** Malina Luke

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is

January 11th

Ushers: Brandon Bergene & Ramsey Gilson
Readers: Lucas Mandt & Phillip Milks

Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is January 4th

Ron & Tricia Milks, Leaders
Phillip, Maddie Wolff, Rachel Meany & Gabrielle Smith

Little Cedar Communion Helpers

January 4—Tyler Crumb
January 18—Kelsie Lamp



Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes

Dec 3rd, 2014

The Marshall Church Council met for its regular meeting on Dec 3rd, 2014. Present were Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Luvern Hanson, Carie Hanson, Andrew Sprau, Gus Johnson, Darrell Gordon, Gary Kulow and Karina Mensink. Absent were: Craig Hanson, Rhonda Hatle, and Jerry Sprau.

The meeting was called to order by Dale Himebaugh. The Secretary's report from November was read. Carie gave the Financial Secretary's report with the total offering for the month of Nov being \$7138.55. Cause of the Month offering was \$148.69. Luvern gave the Treasurer's report. Gary Kulow made a motion that the reports be accepted as read with Gus Johnson seconding the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The cause of the month for Jan will be Neighbor in Need. Discussed the roof project again and Gary made a motion to accept the bid from Brandt Construction in ND and Gus 2nd the motion. Dale will sign the bid from him for \$17,500 for shingles on the steeple and to paint the siding on the steeple and send it back. We will send a letter to the congregation before Christmas asking for donations to the building fund to pay for the project and rebuild the fund for future needs. We looked at some options for cemetery signs again too. We discussed getting a 2 sided sign like Bear Creek so we can have the cemetery map included on the sign.

NEW BUSINESS: Food for the Hungry is looking for a new home with the closing of the mall if anyone knows of a location they could move to. The annual meeting is coming up so the audit committee (Len and Tricia) and nominating committee (Gib and Brenda) need to meet to get ready for the annual meeting in Jan.

Pastor had a few updates on the youth from Tara. They have had good participation in events this fall. The Senior high group collect about 540lbs of food for the food shelf in their scavenger hunt. They had a bonfire and have gone bowling. For Christmas they will be taking toys to Toys for Tots. The youth need to raise about \$18,000 for their trip to Detroit in 2015. Pastor will also be doing services at the nursing home on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at the nursing home.

Gary Kulow made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Darrell Gordon 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, December 17, 2014 @7:30 pm @ the Rose Pedaler Cabin in Rose Creek. Thank you to Becky Hartwig for hosting the final meeting of the year. Present: Karen Anderson, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Jim Johnson, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Rod Nordeng, Cathy Roser, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Lani Wolff, Nancy Smith, Millie Weness, Linda Gilles, and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Absent: None. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Pat Hinz.

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Karen Anderson to approve the November 2014 Council Minutes, as printed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

A. Good Earth Village – information given on their financial challenge & new tuition structure

B. Luther Seminary Lay Classes – information given

Sudanese Ministries – information presented

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Millie Weness. \$6786.28 will be transferred to the Missions Fund, from the Lutefisk Dinner. A motion was made by Mary Schmitz, seconded by Tracy Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Building: no report (item found under Pastor's Report)

B. Cemetery: no report

C. Daycare: no report

D. Finance: Nancy Smith presented the Sunday Offerings report (November 23 – December 14).

E. Life & Missions: Becky Hartwig reported that 28 presents were delivered to the Salvation Army in Austin, from the Sharing Tree at Little Cedar.

F. Personnel: no report

G. Youth & Education: no report

H. Worship & Music: no report

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PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy reported that the last Sunday in December will be Carols & Readings. He also reported on the boiler. Dave Heimer worked on the circular pump to get it started again. The cost of a new one is \$1600. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Becky Hartwig to hire Dave Heimer to install the new circular pump, when it arrives. **Discussion followed.** An amendment motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Becky Hartwig to get a bid from Dave Heimer for labor to install the circular pump, with approval by the building committee and Pastor Jeremy. Motion carried. **A vote was then taken on the original motion.** That motion carried.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

Report on the "Pig Campaign": The Confirmation students were able to buy 22 pigs with money brought in and the Council's number was 16 pigs. Good job everyone!

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2015 Budget: presented by Millie Weness. A motion was made by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Lani Wolff, to approve the 2015 Budget, as presented, pending review and feedback from the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.
- B. Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Joe Matheis, seconded by Rod Nordeng to have the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2015. Motion carried.

Distribute Mission (Lutefisk) Funds: A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Mary Schmitz to give Good Earth Village \$1000, from the Lutefisk Fund. Motion carried. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Becky Hartwig to put the United Farmers State Bank donation of \$1550 in the General Fund, to be given to the Southland Area Food Shelf. Motion carried. A motion was made by Cathy Roser, seconded by Lani Wolff to give \$3000 to the LYO Detroit trip. Motion carried.

DATES to REMEMBER:

- A. January Newsletter Article deadline is December 21, 2015

January 21, 2015: next Council meeting

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Jeremy

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary



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