



# July 2014



## Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Greetings Marshall and Little Cedar Lutheran Churches!!

The Psalms have always been an important part of worship and our Christian faith, and certainly within the Jewish tradition as well. Often times in worship we recite the Psalms, but perhaps don't take a close look very often.

When taking the time to look at the Psalms, there are many rich findings within the Psalms. Poetry that brings forth the imagination! Emotions that we can relate to! Praise and thanksgiving that allow us to sing the same praises! I'd encourage you to delve into the Psalms. There are many books and resources that can help you dive into the Psalms, or just reading them yourself! Below I included some fun facts about the Psalms to help entice your imagination.

Through June and July we have been taking a look at the Psalms during our Wednesday evening worship. It has been a wonderful time taking a closer look at the Psalms. Some Psalms perhaps we haven't heard very often, and others that are very familiar to us. Our Wednesday services will continue through July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 each week. If you are able to, please join us as we explore the Psalms!

Blessings, *Pastor Jeremy*

### FUN FACTS ABOUT THE PSALMS

Contains 150 chapters.

Meaning: "Book of Praises"

Almost half (73 Psalms) are attributed to David.

50 Psalms are anonymous

The Book of Psalms is actually five books. Most Bibles will make this notation within the Psalms

Book 1 - Psalms 1-41

Book 2 - Psalms 43-72

Book 3 - Psalms 73-89

Book 4 - Psalms 90-106

Book 5 - Psalms 107-150

Psalm 117 is the shortest Psalm, with only 2 verses.

The middle chapter of the Bible is Psalm 118.

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm (176 verses). It is divided into 22 stanzas with each denoted with a Hebrew letter. There is a tradition that King David used this psalm to teach his young son Solomon the alphabet.

The majority of the Psalms are classified as either lament or praise/thanksgiving.



**Important Dates**

July 2

Marshall Council

July 16

Little Cedar Council

July 17–20

Sonshine Festival

July 28–August 1

Vacation Bible School



Happy Birthday!!

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This new feature of the Churchmouse is intended to give thanks to parishioners of Little Cedar that quietly (or not so quietly) perform tasks that help Little Cedar function or to help beautify our church. If you know of someone who deserves a mention, let pat Hinz know (582-3466).

Pastor Jeremy & Sandy for the idea, inspiration, and work they did on the Dairy Days float. Word is that there is already an idea "float-ing" around in a parishioner's head for next year. Maybe this will become a tradition!

Jaymie Poshusta for being our church treasurer the last 4 years and to Millie Weness who has agreed to accept this position.

Lynn Johnson and Karen Anderson for their love and care for the Day-care children for the last 9 years.

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

Steve Vangsness~ Marge Bartholmey ~ Steve Bamrick  
 Lois Lewison ~ Arvis Gunderson ~ Val Pitzen ~ Jim Bustad  
 Troy Boelman (son-in-law of Wayne & Bonnie Johnson)  
 Raeann Kane (granddaughter of Curt & Geneva Hamilton)

**Weddings:** Little Cedar: Hilary Johnson & David Schotanus  
**Funerals:** Little Cedar: Ethel Nerison  
 Bernice Osterholt



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 Marshall 9:30am

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**For Pastoral emergencies please call: 507-574-1059**

Cause of the Month for July 2014



**Marshall**  
"Neighbor in Need"  
**Little Cedar**  
"Vacation Bible School"



Quilters meet at Little Cedar  
July 7th @ 1:00pm

**Friends & Fellowship**

No Meeting Until  
September  
Have a good summer!!!



**Summer  
Worship**

Come join us on Wednesday  
evenings this summer as we  
take a walk through the  
Psalms.

Now through July 23rd at  
6:30pm at Little Cedar.

**Attention Little Cedar Members**

New Policies:

The Little Cedar church council has adopted 2  
new policies that may or may not affect you.

They are:

1. All funeral lunches must be purchased. The service groups no longer prepare or furnish food but they will be available to serve the catered food.
2. No pets are allowed in the church building



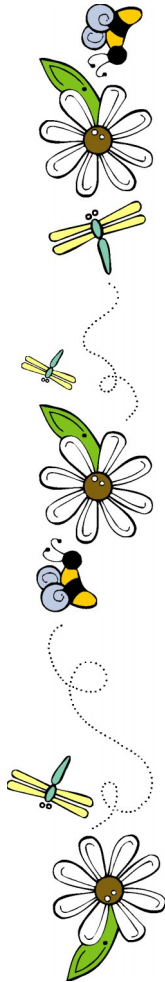
**Lutefisk News**

We will have a lutefisk dinner this year if we get 2 people or 2 couples to help with the planning. During the past few years several chairmen of different areas of the dinner have done the planning. They are willing to work with a new committee this year but we cannot expect them to continue to organize AND work the extra hours they do at the dinner. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, please call the office (582-3185) or Pat Hinz (582-3466). Please don't make us come looking for you!!!

**Schwans-Cares Fundraiser:** The LYO has started their first fundraiser for their trip to Detroit in 2015. 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 we will receive 20 to 40% of your purchase and the items will be delivered right to your door! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tara Mandt. Watch for the bulletin board going up soon with more details too.

**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 Family (582-1406)
- Robert Retterath
- Julie Schmitz (582-3696)
- Wayne & Carol Schramm (582-3477)
- Christine Wik (440-1898)



**July 2014**

- Communion clean-up 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- Coffee Hours NONE
- Meals on Wheels – 14<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>



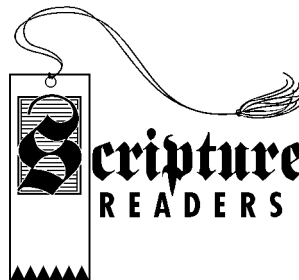
Serve any funerals held

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

**Head Usher for July**



**Bob Hanson (E)**  
**582-3349**



- July 6th ~ Shirley Schroeder
- July 13th ~ June Wolf
- July 20th ~ Gayle Bergstrom
- July 27th ~ Millie Weness



**\*\*\*Daily Devotionals\*\*\***

are still available please pick up a copy for you and your family soon!!! July IS HERE!!!

# Youth activities

## Educational News

**Sonshine 2014 Music Festival** ~ The dates we are going are July 17 through 20. The chaperones and kids are looking forward to a great time!



The first \$100 payment and registration forms are due July 16th for the 2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering. Contact Tara if you have any questions.



**The youth need your help!!:** We are looking to borrow some items for the Sonshine Festival again this year: tents, tarps, stakes, old rugs, towels and blankets, coolers, a screen tent, a canopy, a small gas grill & gas. We are also looking for some donations to help keep our costs down: PowerAde, water, individual snacks, chips, apples, oranges, muffins, granola bars, buns (hot dog & hamburger), cash!, etc. If you are able to donate any of those items, please plan to let Tara know right away to help her with planning. You can bring the items to church as soon as possible. If they are perishable items, they can be brought in before Tuesday, July 15th. Thanks in advance for your continued willingness to help out our Youth programs. Without your help, we would not be able to do these fun things with the kids.

Vacation Bible School could still use some helpers throughout the day as well as help preparing and serving the lunches. Please contact Tara right away if this is something you are able to help with.

We are in need of some items for our **Vacation Bible School—Workshop of Wonders!** Please consider helping us cut costs and make a memorable week for our Youth. Please bring all items that you are willing to donate or borrow to us before **July 7th** (sooner if you want!). Please clearly mark anything you want returned. Thank you, in advance, for your help!



Acrylic or tempera paint - various colors, Artificial plants/ferns, Baby shoes, Bath scrunches or loofah sponges, Bunting - all colors, Cash & Checks!, Cardboard / appliance boxes (all sizes), CD players, Cellophane or plastic wrap - blue, Children's colorful stacking blocks, Children's dress up clothing, Children's wooden blocks, Cloth or blankets - green, orange, blue, red and yellow, Colorful fabrics, Colorful laundry baskets, Construction paper - all colors, Crepe paper - solid colors, Dominoes, Dryer duct—Really!!!!!!!, Empty cardboard tubes (wrapping paper, toilet paper, paper towels), Empty recycled fruit and vegetable containers, Fishing line, Foam board, Frisbees, Hula hoops - nine or more!, King-sized sheets - solid colors, Kites, Large dot markers, Large shoes, Old bath towels, Old blankets, Paint containers, Paint sticks, Pinwheels, Plastic Straws, Plastic tablecloths - green, orange, blue, red and yellow, Play food - bread, bananas, grapes and maybe some potato salad!, Pool noodles, PVC pipe, Ribbon - various types, Rope, Safety goggles - two pair, Shoe boxes, Small colorful baskets, Small traffic cones, Spools, Spray bottles, Spray paint - various colors, Stuffed animals, Tackle boxes, Tissue paper - solid colors, Tool belts, Tool box, Tulle, Washable markers, White shoe laces, Wooden building toys, Wooden frames (all shapes & colors) and Yellow and Black Caution Tape.

Please help to spread the word to those who may benefit from this opportunity. Presenters include: Steve DeFor, Elizabeth Endicott, Pam Solberg, Todd Portinga, and myself.

Thanks! --Karen



**AUSTIN AREA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

A five week support group for those who have experienced a loss will be offered at the Oak Park Mall Community Meeting Room (now located across the short hall from Vision Works).

The group will meet weekly beginning Tuesday, July 15 and ending Tuesday, August 12. The meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. and feature a different speaker each week. All who feel this might be beneficial to their healing are invited to attend. The support group is open to the public at no charge.

**For more information please**


**contact Mary at 433-5000 or 583-7561.**

***Karen Behling, Associate Pastor***

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**1600 West Oakland Ave.**

**Austin, MN 55912**

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\* Thank you to all of you who helped \*  
\* make my 90th birthday so special with \*  
\* cards, phone calls, and all the birthday \*  
\* greetings. What a blessing to be part \*  
\* of such a caring church family. Thank \*  
\* you, again and blessings to all of you. \*  
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\* June Nelson \*  
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\* **Open Bridal Shower** \*  
\* For Brooke Hanson will be held on \*  
\* Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at \*  
\* Little Cedar Fellowship Hall. \*  
\* Brooke will marry Kody Retterath \*  
\* on October 4<sup>th</sup>. \*  
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## Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting on June 4th 2014. Present were: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Gus Johnson, Craig Hanson, Andrew Sprau, Jerry Sprau, Luvern Hanson, Gary Kulow, and Karina Mensink. Absent were: Rhonda Hatle and Carie Hanson

The meeting was called to order by Dale and Pastor Jeremy lead us in devotions. The Secretary's report from April was read. Luvern gave the Financial Secretary's report and Treasure's report. Total offering for the month of April was \$3045. Cause of the Month offering was \$132.51. Jerry made a motion that the reports be accepted as read with Gary seconding the motion. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ruth DeHoogh will come to worship on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to share her mission work. We looked at EDCO shake shingles for the steeple. Jerry will call Brad Nelsen with Home Solutions and check on the cost and options. Darrel will check with Denny or Chris Swenson on hot tar to fix the potholes in the road.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor brought a series of grief books for the council to look at. They would be sent to those who have lost loved ones in the year following their loss. Council approved the series and proposes Cindy look at them and work with Kathy to get some ordered. July cause of the month will be neighbor in need. Luvern will get the mini church ready for the Dairy Day's Parade. Dale asked if we should have a cemetery clean-up day again. No date was set.

Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

*Karina Mensink*, Council Secretary



*July*

### Little Cedar Church Council Minutes

The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 @7:30pm.

Members present: Karen Anderson, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, John Jax, Joe Matheis, Tricia Milks, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Lani Wolff, Jaymie Poshusta, Millie Weness, and Pastor Jeremy Johnson.

Members absent: Rod Nordeng, Cathy Roser, and Nancy Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz.

**DEVOTIONS/PRAYER:** Pastor Jeremy

**APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES:** A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by John Jax to approve the May 2014 Council Minutes and the May 30, 2014 Special Council Meeting Minutes, as printed.

Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

A. Thank You was read from Lutheran Social Services for the \$100 sent for the Homeless Teens of Minnesota Fund. Bethlehem Christian Families sent a letter to the church with information on the olive wood figurines they make and sell. The worship and music committee will look this over and see if it is something the church should pursue.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jaymie Poshusta reported a General Fund balance of \$6324.52. There was discussion on payroll taxes and the daycare. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Joe Matheis to transfer \$2000.00 from the Lutefisk Fund to the Daycare Fund. Motion carried. A motion was made by Joe Matheis, seconded by Tracy Smith that Kathy Voigt report at each council meeting whether there are sufficient funds in the Daycare Fund to pay the Daycare Payroll Taxes. Motion carried. Millie Weness has agreed to be the Church Treasurer. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Mary Schmitz to accept Millie Weness as the new Treasurer. Motion carried. Council thanks Millie for taking the position and thanks Jaymie Poshusta for all of her time and work put into this job. A motion was made by Joe Matheis, seconded by John Jax to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Building: Joe Matheis reported that he looked into the Building/Worker's Comp Insurance. Discussion. A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Karen Anderson to switch Insurance agents, within the same company: Guide One, to Chris Stafford of Stewartville. Motion carried. Joe also reported on the status of the new roof, which is nearing completion. There was discussion on the painting of the fellowship hall ceiling once everything dries up. Will readdress this in the fall. Joe will check with the insurance company if there is any coverage for this. The AC is not working properly and it is being looked into as to where the leak may be coming from. Joe will get some estimates on new systems to have for future reference, if needed. The sound system mixer went out. David Lagerstedt took it to have it checked out to see if it can be fixed. No action was taken at this time, on this.

B. Cemetery: Tracy Smith reported that the directory is up.

C. Daycare: no report

D. Finance: no report

E. Life & Missions: no report

F. Personnel: no report

G. Youth & Education: no report





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H. Worship & Music: no report

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Jeremy reported that, in his absence on July 20<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Gangsted will be here and they are still looking for someone to come on July 27<sup>th</sup>. \$200 was received from the family whose wedding he will be performing that day, to cover the cost of the pulpit supply for that day. Summer worship is appreciated by those in attendance.

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:**

A. Audit: The last time an audit was done was in 2006. It was a limited audit and cost the church \$500. To do the same limited audit today, from Hill, Larson Auditors, it would be \$1500(not to exceed \$1500). There was discussion on whether to do this again. No action was taken, will revisit it at the end of the year.

Pet Policy: In the rental agreement it states "No animals allowed. Service dogs are welcome." There was discussion on whether to apply this to all church members, not only to those who are renting. A motion was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by John Jax to extend the policy **No animals allowed, service dogs are welcome**, in the church, to all church members/visitors. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Vacation pay for Lynn Johnson: The daycare committee recommended, at their last meeting, to pay Lynn her vacation pay due from 2013, which was 96 hours. A motion was made by Lani Wolff, seconded by Becky Hartwig to pay Lynn Johnson 128 hours of vacation pay, from 2013 and part of 2014. Motion carried.

B. Cause of the Month for July: Vacation Bible School

Discussion on minister/organist/pianist fees for weddings. No action taken.

**DATES to REMEMBER:**

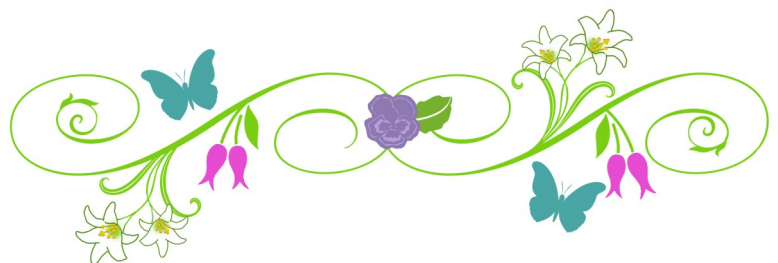
A. Next Council Meeting: July 16<sup>th</sup>

August 2014 Newsletter Article Deadline is July 20, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Lani Wolff to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm with members praying the Lord's Prayer.

*Linda Gilles*, Council Secretary

\*Submitted pending approval in July



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# 2014



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