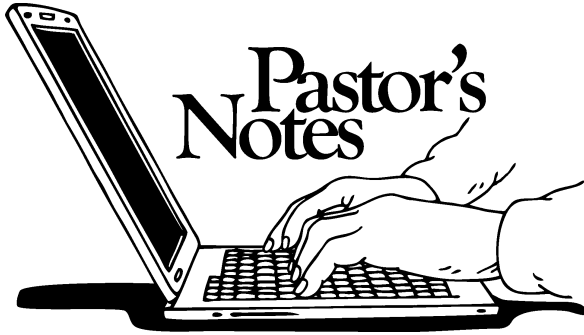




# November 2013

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches,

November is of course the month of Thanksgiving. The month to give thanks!! I have spent a lot of time considering what it means to give thanks to God. Of what it means to live with a thankful heart! A thankful heart that goes beyond a holiday and grows into an everyday gratitude!

As I pondered what it means to give thanks, I stumbled upon pages and pages of scripture, quotes, and stories from people of every corner of the world. What stuck out to me was a quote from Henri Nouwen,

“Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice. I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of a complaint. I can choose to be grateful when I am criticized, even when my heart still responds in bitterness. I can choose to speak about goodness and beauty, even when my inner eye still looks for someone to accuse or something to call ugly.”

Truly living a life of gratitude is not an easy task. Living a life of gratitude, however, isn't a complicated task, but is as simple as making a conscience choice everyday.

For the last several days I have hummed the verses from a song to myself. There is something transforming about repeating scripture, prayer, or a song on an everyday basis. I encourage you this month to either repeat these verses with me every day, or find your own scripture, quote, or song that is meaningful to you as you foster a grateful heart!

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



### Important Dates

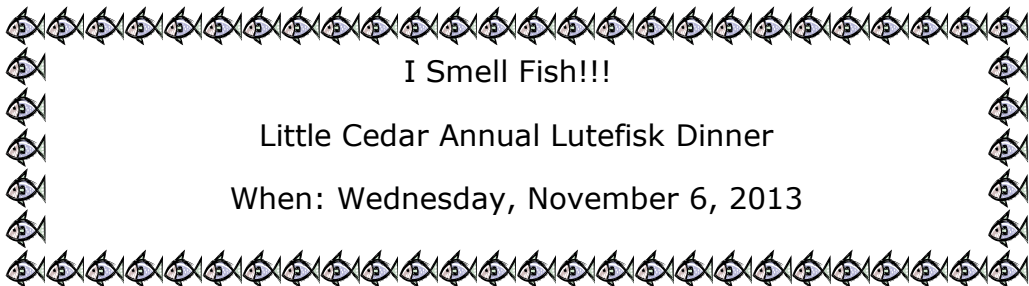
**November 6th**  
Marshall Council

**November 10th**  
Senior LYO Scavenger Hunt  
for Food

**November 20th**  
Little Cedar Council

**November 24th**  
R.O.C.

**November 27th**  
Thanksgiving Worship  
@ Marshall



Thanksgiving Worship Service  
Marshall Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, November 27th @ 7pm



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

Lillian Sprau ~ Bonnie Johnson ~ Linda Hendrickson ~  
Mort Kellogg ~ Marcelle Voigt ~ Lois Lewison ~ George Nolte ~  
Sharon Osmundson ~ Arvis Gunderson ~  
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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Youth Director	Tara Mandt	<a href="mailto:taramandt@frontiernet.net">taramandt@frontiernet.net</a>
Day Care Director	Lynn Johnson	<a href="mailto:lcdaycare@frontiernet.net">lcdaycare@frontiernet.net</a>

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

Cause of the Month for November 2013

**Marshall**  
"Salvation Army"  
**Little Cedar**  
"Quilting Group"

**Central Lutheran**

A group from Little Cedar & Marshall will be traveling to Central Lutheran in Minneapolis on Monday, November 25th to work in the Homeless Ministry Program. If you would be interested in going or have questions, please contact the church office.

Items requested are:

- Bedding
- Towels
- Coats -Gloves-Hats

**Bibl-E Study**

If you would like to be included in the online Bible Study.

Pease let the office know what your email address is and we will put you on

The list to receive weekly readings and information.



Quilters meet at Little Cedar  
November To be Announced

**Friends & Fellowship**

Tuesday, November 12th @ Little Cedar  
Program: Pastor Jeremy Johnson @ 11am

Noon Meal

Cost \$5

All are welcome!

**Lutheran World Relief Kits Totals**

Thank you to all of you who donated to the LWR kits.

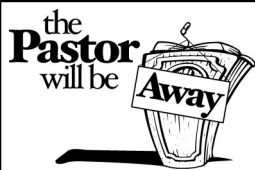
These were delivered to First Lutheran in Albert Lea and from there will be taken to destinations all over the world. Here is the breakdown from both churches combined.

Quilts~85 ~ School Kits~59

Baby Care Kits~18 ~ Personal Care Kits~9

Soap~24 Lbs.

\$100.00 for shipping Costs



Pastor Jeremy will be out of the office

November 3rd & 4th,

attending the Fall Theological Conference in Onalaska, Wisconsin.

*The Little Cedar Sunday School*

*is excited to present*

*"Bethlehem Inn" on December 15th at 9am.*

**\*\*New this Year\*\***

We will be experiencing the real Christmas!

We will be serving breakfast during the production and it will start in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are limited so please R.S.V.P. to Tara or Kathy by Monday, December 9th if you plan to attend.

There will be a Free Will Offering taken.



**Little Cedar Service Group #3**

Jan & Roger Weness – Co Chairperson (582-3197)

Jim & Deana Wagner – Co Chairperson (433-4016)

Vicki Kiefer Family (582-7768)

Brenda & Chris Landherr (438-1151)

Kurt & Carrie Sorgatz (433-4831)

Bill & Joann Klingerman Family (582-3097)

Julie Grundel (438-8302)

Brad & Maria Johnson (438-6449)

Jim & Lynn Johnson Family (437-6875)

Shirley Thome (582-3215)

Ed & Carol Koch (433-4874)

Lynn & Carol Lagerstedt (582-3182)

Dave Lagerstedt (582-8138)

Mike & Lisa Lamp (582-7854)

Don & Norma Larson (582-3610)

Denny & Amy Underdahl (582-7838)

June Nelson (582-3239)

Jim & Connie Sathre Family (582-7751)

Gordon & Mavis Klautdt (582-3506)

Gerald Meier (582-3358)

Sean Gilson (438-0994)

**November @ Little Cedar**

**Communion Clean-up**

3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Hours**

10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
(LYO has the 1st Sunday)

**Deliver Meals on Wheels**

NONE (Marshall)

Serve any funerals held

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



**Head Usher for November**

Bryce Nelson

507-325-4535

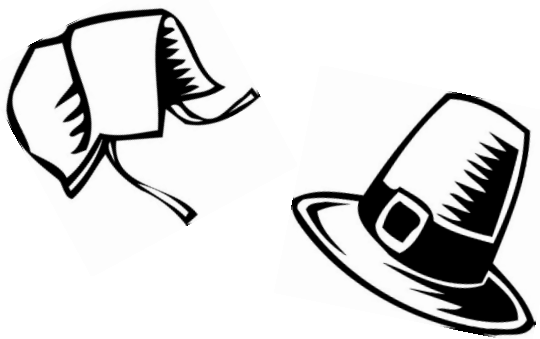
**Scripture Readers**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Carol Matheis

November 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Carma Sheehan & Katlin Webber

November 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Pat Hinz

November 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Bryce Nelson



# Youth activities

## Senior LYO (9th through 12th Grade)

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 10th. It is our Annual Scavenger Hunt for Food for the Southland Food Shelf. We will start at 5pm at Little Cedar to get organized. We will come back and weigh the food and have supper.

Please feel free to contact family members and neighbors who do not live in Adams to see if they want to donate to our Annual Scavenger Hunt!

Hope we can beat the record again this year!

## Little Cedar LYO Coffee Hour is November 3rd

LaMonte & Julie Gray, Leader  
Paxton & Olivia Gray and Kelsie Lamp

## Little Cedar Communion Helpers

November 3—Sarah Sorenson  
November 17—Brandon Bergene

## Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is November 10th

Ushers: Laura Luke & Paxton Gray  
Readers: Carma Sheehan & Katlin Webber

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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 24th.  
Stay tuned for details.

## Educational News

### Little Cedar Sunday School News

Our lesson for November is Ten Men Healed. It is hard to believe but we will start practicing for our Christmas Program on November 17th.

### ♪Children's Choir News♪

We will sing in church on Sunday, November 10th.



Share God's Word



## Thanksgiving

*The Little Cedar Sunday School Christmas Program will be on December 15th at 9am. This year's program is "Bethlehem Inn" and is for our Preschool through 8th Grade students.*

*Parts will be handed out on November 17th. We will continue to practice on November 24th, December 1st and December 8th. We will have a practice on Saturday, December 14th also ~ time to be determined*

*Can't wait for another wonderful show!*



# Confirmation and Worship News

There is **NO** class on Wednesday, November 6th due to the LUTEFISK!!! Come and enjoy the fish!!! We also **DO NOT** have class on Wednesday, November 27th for Thanksgiving break.

### Confirmation Meal Family for October

- November 13 - Jaymie Poshusta
- November 20 - Ron & Tricia Milks



### Little Cedar Acolytes and Worship Assistants

- November 3—Carter Johnson
- November 10—Cade Sheehan
- November 17—Alexis Smith
- November 24—Ashlynn Mandt

### Little Cedar Church Assistants

**U=Usher G=Greeter**

November 3 - **U:** Noah Milks **G:** Jacob Stephens

**Communion Family:** Maya Luke

November 10 - **U:** Cody Crumb **G:** Cole Medgaarden

November 17 - **U:** Dakota Johnson **G:** Hannah McMasters

**Communion Family:** Jacob Stephens

November 24 - **U:** Maya Luke **G:** Rachel Meany

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### Marshall Church Assistants

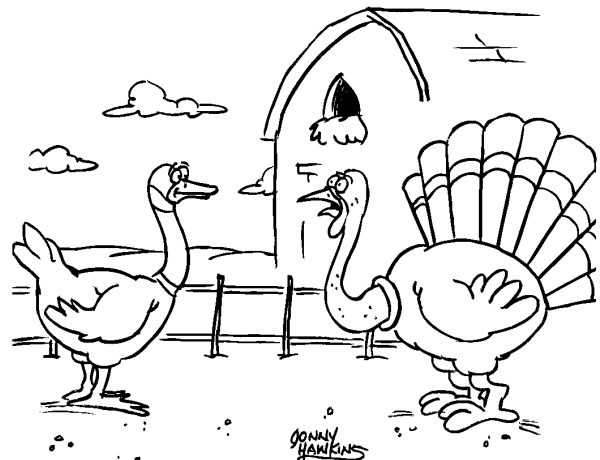
November 3 - Kendra Emanuel

November 10 - Erin Hanson

November 17 - Nick Mensink

November 24 - Asa Smith

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.



"I'm praying they opt for fast food... or that they pray and fast."

**Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes****October 2, 2013**

Marshall Church Council met for its regular meeting October 2, 2013.

Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Brenda Hanson, Andrew Sprau, Gary Kulow, Rhonda Hatle, Carie Hanson, Luvern Hanson and Cathy Sprau. Absent: Jerry Sprau and Gib Seimers.

Chairman Dale Himebaugh called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jeremy opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. Pastor Jeremy gave pastor's report. He is continuing to conduct worship services at the Adams Care Center. Has had some issues with the scheduling of these. Confirmation has started. He is doing a Bible study Thursday morning, but also everyone that is interested is able to participate using the "e-study". Our "socks for the city" trip to Central Lutheran in Minneapolis is Monday, November 25, 2013.

Secretary's report was given for the month of September. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offerings for the month of September was \$7,085.20. Cause of the month was \$230.95 (socks for the city). Total offerings thus far for 2013 is \$39,735.97. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. Reviewed expenses and our current budget. A motion by Gary Kulow to accept reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Sprau. Motion carried.

Cause of the month for October is "Neighbor in Need". November will be Salvation Army.

Eleanor Gordon will be purchasing the socks for Central Lutheran. Will give her \$300 for this.

**Old Business:** Continued with discussion of replacing church's roof. It was noted that some area churches are using channel steel. Will continue to obtain estimates for different options for shingles vs. steel.

Dale Himebaugh shared that Marshall's clean-up day went well despite the hot weather.

Discussion of same-sex unions or marriages being held at Marshall Church. Pastor Jeremy shared information and his thoughts on this. He suggested that the By-laws of our Constitution reflect changes if needed. Will continue with discussion and ideas.

Finance Committee of Little Cedar and Marshall met September 16, 2013 to review the Pastor's Health Plan. It was determined to have Portico Gold Plus plan through 2014.

**New Business:** Pastor requested the approval of being gone 2 weekends in July 2014 and would need pulpit supply to fill-in for him.

A motion by Gary Kulow to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rhonda Hatle. 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, September 18, 2013 @7:30pm. Members present: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Bill Klingerman, Maynard Lewison, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Rod Nordeng, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith and Pastor Jeremy. Members absent: Tricia Milks and Linda Gilles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz.

**DEVOTIONS/PRAYER:** Pat Hinz

**APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES:** A motion by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Mary Schmitz to approve the secretary's minutes of July 2013 as printed. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

- A. Synod trip to Bogata, Columbia is being offered. Room for 14 people. Register by 11/1/13.
- B. Alliant has sold their business so we will be with a new electrical company.
- C. City of Adams will have all sump pumps inspected.
- D. Town and Country Swimming Pool is looking for donations. Little Cedar donated \$100 through the July Cause of the Month.
- E. Dillon Heimer will not be doing snow removal this winter. Will look for someone else.
- F. Luther College would like to do an outreach program at Little Cedar, if interested.
- G. Thank You to all who helped with the Park cleanup on September 8.
- H. Chairs in the hallway were recovered by Gordy. Thank You!

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jaymie reported a balance of -\$19,166.63. An insert will be put into the bulletin with this information, along with a list of extra expenses this year and the upcoming year. A motion by Lyn Meany, seconded by Karen Anderson to allow Jaymie to transfer money from the Knutson Fund to the general fund, if necessary and will first notify Pastor Jeremy and Chair/Vice Chair of the Council. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Building:

1. Snow removal – Bill Boe and Mike Bustad declined. Committee will do further checking. Possibly: Matt Ulwelling, DAMAL Corp or Plath.
2. Schmitz Electric fixed the lights in the sanctuary and kitchen.
3. Voigt Plumbing will install a 100 gallon water heater before the Lutefisk Dinner. A motion by Tracy Smith, seconded by Rod Nordeng to pay for the water heater from the Knutson Fund. Motion carried.
4. Parking Lot bid from Four Seasons of Spring Grove was the lowest bid for the work that needs to be done. A motion by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Gordy Briggs to accept the bid from Four Seasons and hopefully to be done this fall. Motion carried.

B. Cemetery: Tracy reported that Nancy Thalberg has been taking good care of the trees and they may come back. The directory: the steel structure is \$750 and with the paint and glass to finish it, the completed job will be around \$1200-\$1300.

C. Daycare: Karen Anderson reported the number of kids determines how much help. If they have a few more kids, it doesn't pay to hire someone else. Lynn Johnson and the Daycare committee will check on the licensure.

D. Finance:

1. Pastor's wife Sandy will carry the Sacred Heart Health Insurance. We will reimburse them and it will save Little Cedar \$250/month. Pastor Jeremy will be on the Gold Plus Plan offered by the Synod. The insurance will be reviewed yearly.
2. Stewardship-first 3 Sundays in November. Discussion was held to send out pledge cards and/or sending out letters. Also discussed if giving statements be sent out more often.

E. Life & Missions: Marlene Hanson and the service group chairs met and decided that, starting in January, coffee will be available in the Narthex before and after the church service.

F. Personnel: met with the church staff and recommendations were turned over to the Finance Committee.

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G. Youth/Education: Tara submitted a report.

1. Sunday School has 3 new families.
2. 6 Bibles were given out.
3. Fall Festival on October 27<sup>th</sup>, open to the community
4. Confirmation started September 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter will be held at Little Cedar after the October 4<sup>th</sup> football game. No charge. They will have pizza and pop for any youth to attend. They are looking for donations to continue these events. This will be an outreach to the community.
6. LYO on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, a thank you to the youth who helped with the park cleanup on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
7. Jr. LYO will meet in November.

H. Worship/Music: no meeting, but Pastor Jeremy is looking for anyone that would participate in the church services.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Jeremy will start Bible Study on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Bible-E-Study, 6 weeks on what it means to be a Lutheran. Contact the office for more information. Pastor is hoping for a good response to the 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter, which is free to anyone in the community.

#### **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:**

A. A special meeting will be held at the Rose Pedaler on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> for further discussion on the social statement-Same Gender Marriage.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Church Directory: Tara Mandt has volunteered to work on this. There will be no charge to the church. A free 8x10 and directory to those who participate. Decision needs to be made on what time of year to schedule pictures. Also, to make sure residents at AHCC have their pictures taken and to include email addresses.
- B. First Call – a training program which is required for Pastor Jeremy, by the Synod. A motion by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Bill Klingerman to pay the \$75 fee for the First Call program. Motion carried.
- C. Lutefisk Dinner prices – A motion by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Rod Nordeng to set the Lutefisk Dinner prices at \$17 adults and \$8 for 16 and under. Motion carried.
- D. Cause of the Month for October – Colorado Floods. A motion by Becky Hartwig, seconded by Gordy Briggs to round up the Cause of the Month to the nearest \$100. Motion carried.
- E. “Soles for Souls” – Lion’s Club would like to have a collection box for collecting used shoes at all area churches. A motion by Joe Matheis, seconded by Karen Anderson to provide the collection box for “Soles for Souls”. Motion carried.
- F. Forte Milers - would like to have a concert at Little Cedar on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. A motion by Rod Nordeng, seconded by Mary Schmitz to have Forte Milers concert at LC. Motion carried.
- G. October Devotions: Rod Nordeng
- H. October Meeting – October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Changed due to MEA break at school.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm with members praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Becky Hartwig, in the absence of  
Linda Gilles, Council Secretary



## What exactly is a Director for Evangelical Mission? **Part One**

By Rev. Peter Reuss

Director for Evangelical Mission, Southeastern Minnesota Synod

My title sounds a bit more obscure: Director for Evangelical Mission. Evangelical Mission sounds important, but what role does that play?

I have been called by the churchwide expression of the ELCA to serve on Bishop Delzer's staff. As a member of the churchwide staff, I provide a bridge between what happens on national and local levels. I serve under the supervision of both Bishop Delzer and the Congregational and Synodical Mission division of the ELCA. My position is not unique: nearly every synod in the ELCA has a Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM).

I have three major roles on the synod (and churchwide) staff. I am the point-person for working with new congregations. This is the portion of the position which I'd been a part of prior to coming onto Bishop Delzer's staff full time. I work with the New Ministry Table to identify new ministry areas and oversee & assist these ministries as they get started. The New Ministry Table is forming three sub-tables to do this work: African Ministry, Latino Ministry, and Area Mission Strategies (working with congregations in certain areas to determine the possibility of something new). In the past few years six South Sudanese/Ethiopian ministries have emerged in our synod. Many other exciting conversations are underway!



### **Cemetery News ~**

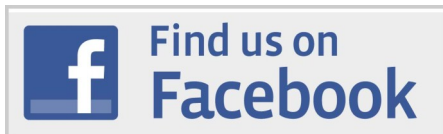
The website, [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com), is being used to preserve information from the Little Cedar Cemetery. Findagrave is a free website that currently has over 103 million grave records. On this site, people may create a memorial page for an individual, post pictures, biographies, plot numbers, flowers, links to family members, GPS coordinates and other pertinent information.

I am currently looking for obituaries/biographies of any person who is buried in the Little Cedar Cemetery to add to the Findagrave site, especially the older members. If you want to check the site to see if there is already an obituary/biography posted, you may do that before submitting one to me. I would prefer the obituaries/biographies through email ([jstephenson@myclearwave.net](mailto:jstephenson@myclearwave.net)), but a printed copy would be good, too. You can leave it with Kathy in the office.

There is also a Little Cedar Cemetery website that I have created: [www.littlecedarcemetery.org](http://www.littlecedarcemetery.org). This site includes a little background on the church and cemetery, a church timeline, cemetery map and directory, and some miscellaneous records that are still a work in progress. There is also a contact form on the site, if anyone needs to contact me.

Thanks for your help! Janet Stephenson, Little Cedar Cemetery Secretary

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