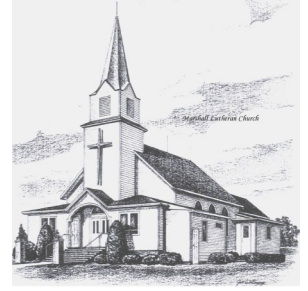


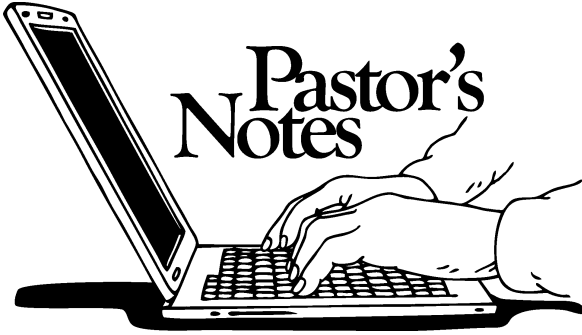


September 2013

Little Cedar & Marshall Churchmouse



Greetings Little Cedar and Marshall Lutheran Churches!



1 Corinthians 12: 4-13

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another

prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. ¹²The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

We are each given different gifts to work in church. We are each called to work in the church in a variety of ways, with no one gift is better than another. There are many parts, but they form one body; the body of Christ.

As a church we are called to be the body of Christ to the world. We are called to proclaim the Gospel, worship with Christ as the center, nurture each other in faith, and reach our to those in need, the community, the world and all of creation.

This work is a work that can't be done alone, but is a work that we do together as the church. As we embark together into the busyness of the school year, Sunday school, confirmation, Friends & Fellowship, other programs, and holiday season, I look forward to the work that we will do together. I hope that we can embolden, encourage, and empower each other that share our gifts as we gather together as the body of Christ. So as we venture together this year, I encourage you to share your gifts with the church as you feel called by God. It is a gift to the church, the community, and the world.

In Christ,

Pr. Jeremy



Important Dates

September 4th
Marshall Council

September 8th
Rally Sunday
@ LC & M
"God's Work. Our Hands"
Senior LYO

September 11th
Confirmation Parent/
Student Meeting

September 18th
Confirmation Begins
Little Cedar Council

Come Celebrate the ELCA's 25th Anniversary

"God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday!!!

On Sunday, September 8, members and congregations of the ELCA will have an opportunity to celebrate **together** the 25th Anniversary of the ELCA by taking part in "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. A day dedicated to serving the communities in which we live. You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together. To join in this celebration the congregations of Little Cedar & Marshall, will be having a **"Clean the Adams Park Day"** Come and live out our faith in caring for our community. All are invited!

TIME: 4pm **WHERE: Adams Park**

We need every one of all ages! There will be a job for ALL!

TRIMMING TREES PICKING UP BRANCHES CLEANING UP TRASH

WASHING PICNIC TABLES SERVING A LIGHT SUPPER

Cash donations are needed to help pay for the meal.



Weddings @ Little Cedar: Sean Gilson & Jill Goergen ~ August 24th

Funerals @ Little Cedar: Kenneth C. Hanson ~ August 28th

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

Jim Bustad ~ Randy Stephenson ~ Lois Lewison ~ Amy Wilde ~ George Nolte
Sharon Osmundson ~ Arvis Gunderson ~ Len Mensink ~ Joseph George
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.

WHEN YOU ARE INVITED^{mm}

GO AND SIT DOWN

AT THE LOWEST PLACE^{mm}

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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Cause of the Month for Sept. 2013



Marshall
"Socks for the City"
Little Cedar
"Central Lutheran"

A message from Barb Hoffert ~

I do feel extremely fortunate having spent several years in Adams. I'll never be able to specifically thank so many people for many years of friendship. I'll always have a special place in my heart for the memories I accumulated over the years. My only regret is leaving so soon after Pastor Jeremy and family arrived. He is an answer to a prayer.....

Barb Hoffert

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♪ Little Cedar Senior Choir ♪

Practice will begin on **Sunday, September 8th** following worship. All are welcome!

We love NEW members!



Quilters meet at Little Cedar on Tuesday, September 3rd @ 1pm

Friends & Fellowship

Tuesday, September 10th @ Little Cedar

Program @ 11AM

Noon Meal

Cost \$5

All are welcome!



Open Bridal Shower for Kara Mallory

When: Saturday, September 14th

Where: Marshall Church

Time: 9:30am

Kara will marry Matt Johnson on October 12th at the Hormel Home in Austin, MN

Kara is the daughter of Bob & Gloria Hatle Mallory of Austin

Cemetery News

The website, 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), 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. 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

Service Group #1

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

Gayle & Lavonne Bergstrom – Co Chairperson 437-3009)

Russell & Karen Anderson (433-4846)

Orrie & Dorothy Anderson (582-3343)

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 (582-8614)

Dorothy Triplett (582-3287)

Kerry Webber (438-8625)

September

Communion Clean-up

1st & 15th

Coffee Hours

8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Deliver Meals on Wheels

9th thru 20th

Serve any funerals held

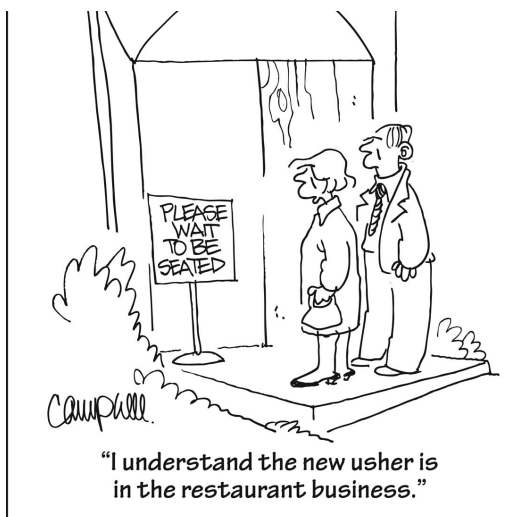
Your Chairperson or one of your
Co-Chairpersons will contact you with
information for your service group.



Head Usher for September

Brian Bergene

507-437-8663



Scripture Readers

September 1st ~ Joni Osmundson

September 8th ~ Chris & Katlin Webber

September 15th ~ Nancy Thalberg

September 22nd ~ Jan Weness

September 29th ~ Joyce Halver



Senior LYO
(9th through 12th Grade)

Our first meeting for the new year is September 8, 2013. It will be at 7pm at the Adams Park. We will pick officers, plan the calendar and play Capture the Flag! We also strongly encourage you to come out earlier in the day to help with "God's Work. Our Hands" at 4pm. We will have supper at 6pm.

Little Cedar Youth-Led Sunday is
September 8th

Ushers: Chris Webber & Katlin Webber
Readers: Brandon Bergene & Sarah Sorenson



Educational News



Backpack
Blessing

Bring your school back packs to worship on Sunday, September 8th for a special blessing given by Pastor Jeremy. This is for all students from Preschool to College as well as teachers and other adults who are interested!

Little Cedar Rally Sunday
September 8th at 9am

Cradle Roll Hearts will be presented to our 3-year-olds: Addison Sathre, Lauren Sorgatz, Hailey Voigt and Hope Voigt

Bibles will be presented to our 2nd Graders: Bradley Lagerstedt, Gavin Mergen, Morgan Phillips, Heath Voigt and Avery Wempner

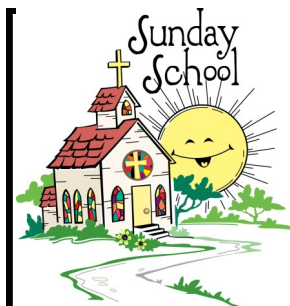


Rainbow
Ringers

Rainbow Ringers: We missed Rainbow Ringers last year so we are hoping to start back up again at the end of October.

This is for students in 3rd through 6th Grade. Please let Tara know if you are interested in joining. If we don't have enough participation, we will not be able to have it.

Sunday School is for 3-year olds
to 8th Graders



Marshall Rally Sunday

September 8th at 9:30am.
Sunday School is before morning worship and is for 3-year olds to 6th Graders.

Confirmation News

Confirmation Meeting

7th & 8th grade Parent and Student Confirmation meeting will be September 11th at 7pm. We will discuss the class curriculum and have meal sign-up.

All students should have a mentor in mind for this meeting.
Our first class will be September 18th at 6pm.



**Ushers
Greeters**

Marshall Church Assistants

September 8 - Nick Mensink
September 15 - Asa Smith
September 22 - Kendra Emanuel
September 29 - Erin Hanson

Little Cedar Church Assistants

U=Usher G=Greeter

September 8 - **U:** Cody Crumb **G:** Dakota Johnson
September 15 - **U:** Hannah McMasters **G:** Maya Luke
Communion Family: Rachel Meany
September 22 - **U:** Noah Milks **G:** Kylie Poshusta
September 29 - **U:** Dakota Johnson **G:** Cody Crumb

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.



New at Little Cedar

Our 5th and 6th Graders will be our Acolyte's. The students have taken First Communion and are just a few short years away from starting Confirmation so this will slowly ease them in to helping out during worship services! More information will follow but here is the September schedule:

September 8—Dawson Gilson
September 15—Carter Johnson
September 22—Ashlynn Mandt
September 29—Noah Lamp

Marshall Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2013

Marshall Church council met for its regular meeting August 14, 2013. Date changed due to county fair. Present: Pastor Jeremy Johnson, Dale Himebaugh, Darrell Gordon, Brenda Hanson, Andrew Sprau, Rhonda Hatle, Carie Hanson, Luvern Hanson, and Cathy Sprau. Absent: Jerry Sprau, Gib Seimers and Gary Kulow.

Chairman Dale Himebaugh called the meeting to order.

Devotions and prayer was given by Pastor Jeremy. He talked about the mission of the church.

Pastor's report was given. Pastor Jeremy continues to visit the shut-ins. He is conducting a worship service at the Adams Health Care Center once a month at present. Starting in September he will be doing this twice a month. Over 60 children attended Vacation Bible School and was enjoyed by all. September 8, 2013 is Rally Sunday and also blessing of school backpacks. A churchwide assembly was held recently with the election of a new bishop, Elizabeth Eaton of the NE Ohio Synod. She replaces Mark Hanson.

Secretary's report was given for the month of July. Financial secretary's report was given by Carie Hanson. Total offerings for the month of July was \$4,087.40. Cause of the month, Southland Foodshelf, was \$196.40. Total offerings thus far for 2013 is \$28,364.17. It was noted that we are about \$1700 behind last year at this time. Treasurer's report was given by Luvern Hanson. Reviewed expenses. The outside carpet for the steps have been paid for with a total of \$816.20 including installation. A motion by Andrew Sprau to accept reports. 2nd by Darrell Gordon. Motion carried.

Old Business: The installation of new carpet for the outside steps has been completed.

Sealant has been placed on the blacktop in the parking lot and to the corner of the road.

Continued with discussion of options for replacing church's roof.

Handicap bars have been placed in the bathroom per request.

Luvern Hanson reported that he has contracted LP fuel for the upcoming season at \$1.35 per gallon.

Continued discussion on ideas for the use of designated memorial funds.

New Business: Pastor Jeremy shared that September 8, 2013 is the 25th anniversary of the ELCA. A service project was recommended by churches. Little Cedar is planning to do some clean-up projects at the Adams Park on September 8th. They have asked Marshall to join them and suggested a picnic to follow.

Dale Himebaugh noted that Marshall Church is in need of a work day. This would include some clean-up work for the church, grounds and cemetery. A motion by Rhonda Hatle to have a work day at Marshall, Saturday, September 7, beginning at 1:00 PM. 2nd by Brenda Hanson. Motion carried.

A motion by Brenda Hanson to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Rhonda Hatle. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by; (pending additions or corrections to these minutes at next meeting)

CATHY SPRAU^{MA} Council Secretary



The Little Cedar Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 @7:30pm. Members present: Karen Anderson, Gordy Briggs, Becky Hartwig, Pat Hinz, Bill Klingerman, Maynard Lewison, Joe Matheis, Lyn Meany, Tricia Milks, Mary Schmitz, Tracy Smith, Jaymie Poshusta, Nancy Smith and Pastor Jeremy Johnson. Absent: Rod Nordeng. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Hinz.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER: Linda Gilles

APPROVAL of COUNCIL MINUTES: A motion was made by Becky Hartwig, seconded by Tracy Smith to approve the secretary's minutes for June, as printed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION of VISITORS:

- A. Good Earth Village Quilt Auction: notice will be posted on the church bulletin board and in the Churchmouse. It is Saturday, August 17th.
- B. Kids Against Hunger: thank you was received for the \$50.00 gift sent.
- C. Farewell for Bishop Usgaard: information will be posted on the church bulletin board and in the Churchmouse. It is Thursday, August 22nd, in Rochester. Cost is \$25.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jaymie reported a General Fund balance of -\$14,885.90. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Maynard Lewison, seconded by Mary Schmitz to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. A note will be put in the bulletin to thank members for their response towards meeting our financial goals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building: Maynard reported that the emergency lights were replaced and a timer for the lights installed at a cost of \$1532.00. A bid was received from Nelson's, of Austin, to sealcoat and fill the cracks in the parking lot, for \$7600.00. Maynard will look into snow removal of the parking lot, now that Osmundson Bros. will no longer be doing it. Joe Matheis reported on the free energy audit by Alliant and the suggestions made that can be a savings to the church.
- B. Cemetery: Tracy Smith reported no meeting but that 2 trees had been planted by the Thalberg and Gordon families, who are taking care of them. The committee plans to put together a final plan for planting more trees. They will also look into the issue with the road at the cemetery.
- C. Daycare: no report
- D. Finance: Jaymie discussed the different funds of the church.
- E. Life & Missions: no report
- F. Personnel: no report
- G. Youth & Education: Tricia Milks spoke with Tara Mandt and reported that 60 kids will participate in VBS this year along with 21 adults and students helping. There were 8 youth and 4 adults that attended the Sonshine Festival in Wilmar.
- H. Worship & Music: no meeting. Pat reported that the committee will meet at 6:45 pm, prior to the August council meeting. It will be opened up to anyone else on the council or congregation who would like to attend, to choose hymns to be sung at worship services. They would like to try and do this quarterly.



PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jeremy reported that he continues with services at the AHCC and may do a service there every other week, depending on scheduling at the AHCC. He would like to see a stewardship campaign either this fall or next spring and spoke of 2 books he has that speak of the mission of the church and invited anyone who wished to read these and have a conversation on this, to contact him.



OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

- A. Memorial Day Lunch: Pat asked Becky Hartwig, from Life & Missions committee, to contact Marlene Hanson, in charge of the service groups, to see how these groups would feel about doing this lunch.
- B. New sidewalk to the daycare: A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Joe Mathies to pay \$2500.00 to Southland Construction for the completion of the sidewalk. Motion carried.
- C. Recording services: Lyn Meany gave an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Contribution envelopes: discussion on changing them. It was decided to leave them as is.
- B. www.faithstreet.com: a website recommended by Rod Nordeng for council to check into, that lists churches in communities.
- C. Thank you for the Peace Garden: Pastor will talk to Kathy Voigt about sending a thank you letter to those involved with the project: Lucas Mandt and the Boys Scouts, Garrett Kiefer, and Byron Huseby (for memorial monies used in memory of Helen Huseby).
- D. Cause of the Month for August: VBS/Back to School.
- E. Contractors: A motion was made by Tracy Smith, seconded by Gordy Briggs that all repairs done on church properties, including the cemetery, be done by a licensed contractor in the area of work to be done, approved by the Pastor and the Building Committee, per the Bylaws of the Church. Motion carried.
- F. Devotions for August: Pastor Jeremy Johnson

Dates to Remember: August 2013 newsletter article deadline is July 21, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Gordy Briggs, seconded by Maynard Lewison to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned with Pat Hinz giving a closing prayer.

Linda Gilles, Council Secretary

Let's Get Involved!!!!

Would you like to be involved in leading worship!?! Do you enjoy worship? Are you curious about worship? Do you enjoy chanting the liturgy? Do you enjoy speaking the liturgy? If you would be interested at all, please join Pastor Jeremy on Sunday, September 15th at 8:30 before worship at Little Cedar and after worship at Marshall to visit about the role of the assisting minister and to learn more about our worship practices. Feel free to catch him at some other time if your not able to make it.



This could be FUN!

Do you have a great idea for a children's message? Or perhaps you have no ideas for a children's message, but you want to find out how to get one? If you would be interested, please see Pastor Jeremy for details. He would love to have others involved in children's messages, and would be happy to give guidance in any way that he can!!



An Introduction to Bishop Steven Delzer

The first of September, 2013, marks the beginning of the term for the new bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA. Rev. Steven (Steve) Delzer was elected by the Synod Assembly on June 8 on the fifth ballot (more on the process at semnsynod.org/how-do-we-elect-a-bishop).

"I am deeply humbled at being elected. My prayer is that the Spirit will guide us, so that together our eyes and ears may always be open to the ways in which we may be the body of Christ in the world," said Delzer.

At the time of election, he served as lead pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Faribault, Minn., a call that began in 2002.

His ministry in this synod has included facilitating the monthly meeting of interim pastors and conducting initial interviews of those desiring to enter candidacy for rostered ministry in the ELCA.

Our Savior's, Faribault, was the first site of a Sudanese ministry in this synod. Delzer helped their ministry develop and served as mentor to their leader, Wal Reat, as he journeyed through the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program. Reat was ordained in March 2013.

Rev. Delzer previously served as an interim pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, West Union, Iowa and First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, Minn. Prior to 2000, he served congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Maryland, Missouri, and Minnesota.

He earned an Associate of Arts degree from Concordia College (now University) in St. Paul, Minn., in 1969; a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia Senior College (now Concordia Theological Seminary) in Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1971; and a Master of Divinity degree from Christ Seminary-Seminex in 1975.

Steve and his wife Donita live in Faribault. They have three adult children and five grandchildren.

If you have not had occasion to meet Steve as a pastor, you may have seen him running past you or out on the golf course. He believes in living a healthy life and modeling it for others. He stays active in tennis, biking, golf, and running (including seven marathons, six half-marathons,



Rev. Steve and Donita Delzer following Steve's election.

and three relay marathons over the last twelve years). Steve also nurtures his well-being through devotion time, reading, and several collegial and support groups.

Rev. Delzer has spent the summer finishing his call in Faribault and preparing for his new call as bishop. As he looks ahead to his call to bishop, he says, "I am looking forward to becoming better acquainted with the pastors and congregations of the synod, getting to know other bishops, and learning more about the wider church."

At the same time, he acknowledges the challenges of the role. He hopes to be able to do the job well and continue living a balanced life and modeling it for the rest of the synod.

How can you help as the synod prepares for this transition? He asks that members of the synod be willing to share their gifts and abilities for the good of ministry in southeastern Minnesota. Most of all, though, Delzer requests, "Pray for me." He adds, "I never would have been willing to accept this call without knowing the spirit is leading and people are praying."

About Our Synod

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 124,000 baptized people in 176 congregations as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

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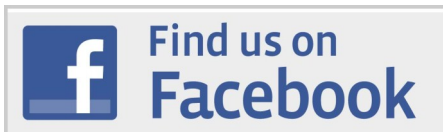
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